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Congressman Bob Dole stated today that the fact that President Johnson rather than Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, announced the increase in 1967 crop wheat acreage allotment may indicate the Administration is in full retreat in its efforts to depress farm prices and to blame the American farmer for inflation.

The increase in acreage allotments was not surprising as an increase of between 10 and 20 percent had been expected. The surprise was that LBJ preempted Freeman in making the announcement.

Dole stated, "that the wheat acreage increase plan, the quick resumption of military pork buying, and the recent increase in dairy price supports indicate the Administration is desperately attempting to patch up the political damage done by ill advised efforts to control farm prices and to make the farmer inflation's "whipping boy."

It is now believed the President will order removal of limitations on hide exports. This punitive action taken by the Administration on March 7 has cost the American farmer millions of dollars," Dole concluded.

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