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Congressman Bob Dole, just returned from two days at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, stated today that the great majority of Kansas wheat producers will plant only about one-half of the announced acreage increases in 1967 wheat allotments.

Dole indicated that farmers are highly suspicious of the motives of Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, and feel very strongly that Freeman is encouraging more production in order to build up surplus to be used again to depress market prices.

"I visited with approximately 200 farmers from all over Kansas, and only two indicated they would plant the full 32% wheat acreage increase. The great majority say they will plant about one-half, or about 15%, of the total increase. Almost all of them express concern about the policies of this Administration in using Commodity Credit Corporation stocks of wheat to control the market."

"Their concern", Dole stated, "is an economic one, not based on partisan politics or whether they may be Republicans or Democrats. Kansas farmers are willing to produce additional wheat to help meet domestic and world demands, but they very properly feel they have a right to make a profit without competing in the market place with the United States Government."