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Congressman Bob Dole announced he has asked the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to extend its all-risk crop insurance to include irrigated corn on storm damaged Seward and Haskell Counties. Dole said the heavy crop damage prompted this action to provide some protection against such losses in the future.

According to Dole, the FCIC will start a study that should lead to this extended all-risk coverage. Irrigated corn in these counties has not heretofore been covered by federal crop insurance. Final approval is almost certain following action by the FCIC Board of Directors, according

"All-risk coverage, including irrigated corn, will help farmers to overcome crop losses in the future by providing money needed to replant and to pay other expenses until the next crop can be harvested. Irrigated land in Seward and Haskell Counties now totals about 150,000 acres. Actual losses on corn are not available at this time, but recent losses for the 1967 wheat crop in Kansas are estimated at about \$3 million," Dole concluded.