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Congressman Bob Dole (R - Kansas) announced that emergency aid for rebuilding and repairing storm damaged conservation measures is now available to farmers in Seward County, Kansas. The emergency aid, approved by Secretary Freeman on August 10, authorizes \$14,000 in additional funds for emergency conservation measures under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Mr. Dole stated there is a great need for financial aid in Seward County. He said he personally reviewed the damaged area in Seward County on July 16 and this prompted him to encourage the approval of emergency aid for Seward County.

"The approval of Seward County for emergency aid brings to eleven the number of Kansas counties now eligible for this type of assistance. Total funds authorized is now \$1~~5~~9,000," Dole concluded.

According to Dole, Seward County farmers are now eligible to receive up to 80% of cost for repairing or rebuilding conservation measures damaged by spring and summer storms. The greatest damage to conservation measures probably occurred on tailwater recovery pits, land leveled for irrigation, and other land rilled or gullied by above normal runoff.

This emergency aid for cost sharing on conservation measures is administered through the local Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization (ASC) Committee. This request was initiated by the Seward County Disaster Committee.