

DOLE  
ST. KANSAS  
OFFICE BUILDING  
CODE 202  
2715  
OFFICES:  
CULTURE  
OPERATIONS  
OFFICE:  
L. BUILDING  
KANSAS 67530  
CODE 316  
3-5423  
OLTON, KANSAS

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

COUNTIES:  
BARTON HODGEMAN RAWLINS  
CHEYENNE JEWELL REPUBLIC  
CLARK KEARNY ROOKS  
CLOUD KOWA RUSH  
DECATUR LANE RUSSELL  
EDWARDS LINCOLN SALINE  
ELLIS LOGAN SCOTT  
ELLSWORTH MEADE SEWARD  
FINNEY MITCHELL SHERIDAN  
FORD MORTON SHERMAN  
GOVE NESS SMITH  
GRAHAM NORTON STAFFORD  
GRANT OSBORNE STANTON  
GRAY OTTAWA STEVENS  
GREELEY PAWNEE THOMAS  
HAMILTON PHILLIPS TREGO  
HASKELL PRATT WALLACE  
WICHITA

FOR RELEASE AFTER 8:00 P.M.  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1967

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas), in a speech today before the Jackson County Farm Bureau, charged the Administration with coddling the consumer at the expense of the American Farmer. Dole emphasized the drop in the parity ratio of prices received by farmers, stating that the parity ratio has dropped to 73 as of September 15, a decline of 7 points from just a year ago.

In reference to how these conditions had affected Kansas, Dole stated:

"In Kansas, farmers' production expenses went up \$117 million from 1965 to 1966, from \$1.118 billion to \$1.235 billion.

"Cash receipts from marketings in Kansas in the first five months of 1967 are down by \$20 million compared to a year ago, or a decrease of 4%. It is probable that cash receipts in Kansas in 1967 will total \$60 million lower than last year. If we add to this the net income reducer effect of the 3 1/2 percent higher index of prices paid by farmers, then it is not difficult to visualize a reduction in net farm income in Kansas in 1967 of about \$100 million. This is a cut of about twenty percent in net farm income."

Dole related these statistics of decline in farm income to the great need world-wide for food in the very near future. The First District Congressman quoted statistics which projected world population to as high as 7.15 billion persons by the year 2000.

"The next few decades," Dole said, "will see the inauguration of a new age: The Food Age. Those nations able to export food, while feeding themselves, will be the strong nations, and those dependent on a dwindling world export supply, will be the weak nations."

Dole stated that the nation would need the family farms in the very near future to help contribute to the increased production to meet our food commitments around the world.

In concluding, Dole outlined seven recommendations to improve farm income which could, he said, "be implemented without additional legislative authority." The recommendations include cutting unnecessary federal expenditures, providing advanced payments of up to 50% to cooperators in the wheat program, increasing P. L. 480 shipments, and prohibiting the Secretary of Agriculture from selling Commodity Credit stocks of wheat and feed grains at less than 100% of parity.