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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 1 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today urged his colleagues on the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee to consider any means possible to speed action on farm legislation.

"The delay in presenting a comprehensive farm bill to Congress has created a dilemma for members of our agriculture industry," Dole said.

"Winter wheat farmers will plant their crop in September. They need to know the farm program now so they can make plans for planting that crop.

"Whatever proposals come from the Senate side will be subjected to thorough debate and discussion in the urban-dominated House of Representatives.

"We need to present concrete proposals now, so there will be time to discuss, modify and implement them in order to provide the guidelines our farmers need in planting their next crops."