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WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug 20 -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today discussed with Secretary of Agriculture, Clifford Hardin, the threat the corn blight presents in Kansas.

Dole asked Secretary Hardin to carefully assess the damage to the crop and evaluate the loss in grain production, then consider increasing allotments for the winter wheat crop to be planted in the next few weeks.

Dole met with Secretary Hardin prior to a meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee, of which Dole is a member.

The Kansas Senator also suggested to the Secretary that until a full evaluation of the damage is completed, that he, "consider suspending further exportation of wheat and feed grains in case these grains should be needed to feed livestock this winter."