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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 8, 1971 -- U.S. Senators James Pearson and Bob Dole today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture has designated Brown, Jackson and Jefferson counties in Kansas as areas where the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) may make emergency loans to eligible farmers through June 30, 1971.

USDA officials stated that severe prolonged drought during the spring and summer of 1970 damaged crops in the county. The lack of pasture and short feed production has effected livestock producers.

Emergency loans are made to finance crop production and other expenses involved in continuing normal operations.

Farmers can apply for loans at the local FHA county offices serving their area.

To be eligible, an applicant must have sustained damage from the natural disaster cited. Loans may be approved for the first full operating year following the disaster, whether or not credit resources are available.

Farmers who borrow agree to repay their loans as soon as possible consistent with their repayment ability. Loans are secured by liens on crops financed, chattel property, and by liens on real estate when necessary to provide adequate loan security.