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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 12 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) indicated today that he expects a proclamation soon from the White House announcing that the meat import level for the 1971 calendar year will be estimated at 1,160 million pounds.

The new estimate, the Kansas Senator said, would be the same level as that announced last October for the 1970 calendar year.

Meat import levels are based on voluntary restraint agreements negotiated with principal supplier nations.

Dole commented: "This limited place on meat imports at this time of the year should tend to stabilize livestock prices for Kansas producers."