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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 12 -- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) praised the ratification of the International Wheat Agreement by the U.S. Senate today.

"The new agreement will provide the farmers of this nation a flexible agreement with which to further expand wheat exports," Dole said. "In the past three years exports have increased from 544 million bushels of wheat to 735 million bushels in 1971, Dole commented," and in that same period of time the price of wheat received by Kansas farmers has increased from \$1.19 per bushel to \$1.39 per bushel."

The agreement provides continued meetings of the International Wheat Council, since this organization was unable to reach terms on classes, points of origin and price range of wheat during last winter's Council negotiations. The new agreement provides for renewed conference on these matters when it is judged that such matters can be successfully negotiated. Dole said that officials of the Departments of Agriculture and State have indicated they expect further negotiations after Canada has some experience under its new system of selling wheat on a protein content basis.

A Resolution was passed just prior to ratification urging suitable price consideration as soon as practical.