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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 29 --- Legislation that would permit persons under the age of 21 to purchase Federal Crop Insurance passed the Senate this week and was sent to the House for consideration, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) reported today.

Dole, a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, introduced in March the measure to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act so that certain persons over the age of 18, rather than 21, will be eligible for the federal insurance.

The Kansas Senator commented that there are a number of young Kansas farmers making significant contributions to American agriculture, and that "these young people should not be denied insurance solely on the grounds that they are under 21."