



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan 19, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) plans to introduce legislation to extend present farm programs for five years. Senator Dole is working with Senator Milton Young (R-N.D.) in drafting the bill and expects several Senators from wheat-producing states to co-sponsor the bill.

The bill will extend the current set aside programs for wheat, feed grains and cotton; the dairy program; P.L. 480 (Food for Peace); and the Wool Act.

"The present farm program may need some changes," Dole said, "however, most Kansas farmers with whom I have talked or corresponded have indicated they prefer the present program with the options it provides the farmers rather than the restrictions imposed by previous programs.

"I would hope the Congress would act early this year on farm legislation so that winter wheat producers can plan operations for fall planting well in advance. The passage of any farm legislation could be difficult, particularly since a number of Congressmen who voted for farm legislation in the past were defeated last November."

One possible amendment that Senator Dole is considering after introduction of the bill would deal with the manner in which the amount of payments are determined to avoid any recurrence of similar complications which resulted from the Russian grain sales last summer.