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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 7, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today had a working lunch with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz to discuss the urgent need for farm legislation. Dole stressed the fact that wheat farmers must have enough time to plan their crops.

"It was November by the time the 1970 farm program passed," he said, "too late for the farmers to take advantage of the options in the new program." I will make every effort to have legislation passed and to the President prior to July 1 so that farmers may have sufficient time to plan ahead for planting."

Dole has already introduced legislation to extend the present farm program for five more years. And today he also urged reinstatement of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) and the Rural Electification Act (REA).