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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole has written Kansas farmers and ranchers alerting them to the procedures to be employed in meeting agricultural fuel and fertilizer shortages.

Expressing his belief in the "absolute requirement" to have ample supplies of fuel available to farmers "when and where needed" in the harvest and planting seasons, Dole outline the operation of the petroleum allocation system.

He urged any farmer or fuel supplier to contact the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office immediately to report fuel supply difficulties. ASCS county offices are to be the local reporting and identification centers, and their reports will be passed on the the State ASCS office and then sent to the inter-agency Oil Policy Committee in Washington for action to relieve the shortages.

Dole said he had discussed the situation with Frank Mosier, ASCS State Executive Director, who had given his assurance of the utmost cooperation and assistance in responding to any shortages.

Dole said, "it is critically important that citizens in every walk of life cooperate in conserving fuels and making this system

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