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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Frank Mosier and Robert Bohannon, both of Manhattan, were in Washington at the request of Senator Bob Dole to testify before the Senate Subcommittee on Agricultural Research on the current fuel situation.

Mosier, Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, stated that at present there is an overall short supply of fuel throughout Kansas, with indications of a critical shortage later this month. "Our experience in Kansas indicates the current voluntary allocation program has not provided the necessary assurances to agriculture that are required if we expect the farmers of the U.S. to respond to the expanding food and fiber needs of our domestic and foreign needs."

Bohannon, is currently the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, at Kansas State University. His testimony dealt primarily with the ramifications of a fuel shortage on Kansas agriculture.

For many producers the fuel shortage may result in a loss of one-fourth to one half of their net profit, Bohannon told the Subcommittee. One delay in needed field operations related to row crop products in Kansas could result in a 5-10 million potential reduction in value of production."