



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R., Kans.) announced today that starting Tuesday a procedure would be established by which "priority fuel" could be obtained for wheat farmers who are in an emergency situation with no fuel to harvest their wheat crop.

The procedure will be initiated Tuesday by Jerry Newcomb of the Office of Oil and Gas, and Frank Mosier, the Director of the Kansas State ASCS. Newcomb will arrive in Manhattan Tuesday morning accompanied by William Taggart of the Senate Agriculture Committee staff. Both are being sent to Kansas at Senator Dole's request.

Dole said, "The goal is to help the Kansas farmer. The procedures being established should cut a lot of the bureaucratic red-tape in Washington by establishing the ASCS office as a liaison between the farmer who is out of fuel, the major oil companies which may have some available supplies, and the Office of Oil and Gas in Washington."

Dole urged any farmers or distributors who were out of or short of fuel to contact their county ASCS office. The county office will in turn contact Mosier, who will then take the nec-

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essary steps to locate any available supplies among the major companies. If such supplies can be found, the tight liaison being established between the ASCS office and the Office of Oil and Gas will permit priority approval by Washington of an allocation to the area affected by the emergency. The new procedure will permit the shipments to be made without being counted against a distributor's current allotment.

Dole pointed out that under present procedures, thousands of gallons of gas for Kansas have been obtained but that this new procedure should be even more effective. He emphasized that while not every situation could be remedied immediately, the real emergencies would be given top priority and every effort made to expedite shipment of any available fuel to hard-pressed harvest areas.