



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) disclosed today that he had received assurances from the Department of Agriculture that there would be no embargo placed on the export of wheat. There had been persistent rumors in the past several days that such embargo action would be taken, but Dole indicated that Deputy Assistant Agriculture Secretary Richard Bell had told him this morning that no such embargo would be established.

Dole questioned Bell at a hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Agriculture Policy which was inquiring into export control policies.

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DRAFT ACTUALITY TEXT ON WHEAT EMBARGO

I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THERE WILL BE NO EMBARGO IMPOSED ON THE EXPORT OF WHEAT. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, I HAVE BEEN AWARE OF AND INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY THE PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT SUCH ACTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED, BUT THIS MORNING, AT AN AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING, DEPUTY ASSISTANT AGRICULTURE SECRETARY RICHARD BELL ASSURED ME THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EMBARGO ON WHEAT EXPORTS.

THIS SHOULD BE GOOD NEWS FOR KANSAS FARMERS WHO WERE CONCERNED AS I WAS, ABOUT THESE RUMORS WHICH HAD COME IN THE MIDST OF THIS YEAR'S RECORD WHEAT HARVEST.