



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## FERTILIZER PRICE CONTROLS LIFTED

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Commenting on today's announcement that the controls on fertilizer prices are being lifted immediately, Senator Bob Dole called the action "an overdue response to the critical fertilizer shortage situation in which American farmers now find themselves."

Dole said that while the shortage seems to be due to a number of factors, the price controls imposed by the Cost of Living Council has been one of the most significant. "Now that those controls have been lifted, I would urge the fertilizer industry to make every effort to work out a satisfactory approach to filling the needs of this country's farmers."

"Now that the industry has been exempted from controls, the American farmer has every right to expect an improvement in his supply situation. He has gone through much of the fall planting season without enough fertilizer. He should not have to face the spring in the same situation. The industry must move to do everything in its power to see that he doesn't have to."