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## DOLE TO MEET WITH FERTILIZER PRODUCERS ON KANSAS FARM NEEDS

WICHITA, KANSAS---Senator Bob Dole said today he has scheduled a meeting Monday night in Chicago with top officials of six major fertilizer companies which supply Kansas farmers.

"Expanded acreage allotments and all the encouragement in the world won't help farmers increase their crop this year unless they can get adequate supplies of fertilizer too," Dole said. "I want to personally discuss with these fertilizer companies the needs of Kansas farmers and find out what they can do to meet those needs."

During the January Congressional recess, Dole met with farmers and fertilizer dealers across much of Kansas, and received numerous reports about the extremely tight fertilizer supply situation.

"Everywhere I went," Dole said, "there was no more urgent problem among farmers than fertilizer."

"Up until last fall," he added, "Cost of Living Council controls had made it almost impossible for producers to sell fertilizer profitably in this country. But the controls were moved last October, and I want to learn from these company officials just how much of an improvement we can now expect in view of their greatly increased revenues."

Invited to attend the meeting with Dole are: Farmland Industries, Philips Petroleum, W.R. Grace and Co., Cominco and Wycon. The men will be in Chicago for a meeting of the Fertilizer Institute. Dole is scheduled to address the Institute membership on Tuesday.