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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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BALING WIRE PRODUCTION TO RISE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole said today that he expects an improvement in the baling wire supply situation after being informed this morning that the nation's largest producer is going back into full production.

The company, Colorado Fuel and Iron, has not manufactured any baling wire since November of 1973, citing Cost of Living Council Regulations which made it less profitable to do so.

The company decision came within days after Dole arranged for CLC and industry officials to meet on the problem. Last week shortly after that meeting, the CLC announced price regulation changes which have led to CF&I's decision.

Dole said he had emphasized to company officials the pressing needs of Kansans who, in many areas are unable to get any supplies of baling wire. He said they had assured him that Kansas would be supplied equitably and Dole promised to monitor the situation closely to watch for improvement in the supply.

Colorado Fuel and Iron officials told Dole they planned to produce an average of 3600 tons of baling wire a month between this month and next October.