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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE URGES HEARINGS INTO FUEL FOR AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole, in a letter today to Senator Herman Talmadge, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, urged hearings into the inability of farmers to get 100% of their current requirements for fuel. Dole said, "They are unable to obtain adequate gas and diesel fuel to feed their livestock and accomplish other activities."

In the letter, Dole said that even though regulations calling for farmers to receive 100% of their current need were established over a month ago, "farmers are still contacting me daily due to an inadequate supply of fuel."

Calling for hearings, Dole said, "I feel that full Committee hearings or perhaps a hearing by the Agricultural Research and General Legislation Subcommittee could be helpful. We should learn at the earliest possible time if the Federal Energy Office has a coordinated program for a fuel allocation distribution program for rural areas." He also stressed the importance of resolving the matter as quickly as possible since, "a farmer cannot wait for fuel when his crop is ready for harvesting or at planting time."

Dole is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and also its Agricultural Research and General Legislation Subcommittee.