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DOLE ASKS FOR FIGURES ON KANSAS FERTILIZER SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In telegrams to 21 fertilizer companies today, Senator Bob Dole asked for figures on the amount of fertilizer to be supplied to Kansas farmers this year.

"Nearly every fertilizer dealer I have talked to in the State of Kansas is receiving less than 30% of 1973 supplies and is faced with 30% more demand than last year," the Senator explained. "Yet the Fertilizer Institute and the Department of Agriculture are both saying that farmers should receive more fertilizer this year than last."

"If Kansas farmers can be advised of the amount of fertilizer to expect," Dole said, "they may be better able to plan their crop schedule for this spring and summer. If they, in fact, receive more they may plant more fertilizer dependent crops such as corn. If they receive less than last year, they may be able to more effectively prepare for planting grain sorghum or soybeans which are less dependent on supplements of nitrogen and other nutrients."

Dole's telegrams urged the fertilizer companies supplying Kansas to increase the amount of product to the State's farmers to help meet the needs of increased irrigation and expanded acreage. The 21 companies addressed were: Agrico Chemical Co; Allied Chemical Corp; Chevron Chemical Co; Cominco American; Diamond-Shamrock; Farmland Industries; Goodpasture Inc; International Minerals & Chemical Corp; J. R. Simplot; Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Co; Nipak, Inc; Occidental Chemical; Olin Corp; Phillips Petroleum Co; Redbarn Chemicals; Swift Agricultural Chemical Corp; Tennessee Valley Authority; USS AgriChemical; Vistron Corp; Wycon Chemical Co; W. R. Grace Co.

Senator Dole was advised this week of a supply of fertilizer in Omaha, Nebraska. He passed this information on to the Kansas dealers nearest the supply who had contacted him about inadequate fertilizer. Dole stated he would continue to try to locate supplies in the tight market and urged Kansans in need of fertilizer to contact his office.

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