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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE REPORTS FERTILIZER PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Bob Dole made public today the reports he has received from 13 fertilizer companies indicating amounts of fertilizer ranging from 63% to 134% of last year's supply for Kansas.

"Unfortunately no company is supplying more product than its customers need," Dole said, "so that in cases where companies are selling less than last year, farmers cannot make up the deficit elsewhere." Dole is looking for imported fertilizer which farmers could buy to help ease the shortage.

Of the 21 companies that received Dole's telegram, 13 have responded. Six are planning to supply 100% or more of last year's quantity to Kansas. Four are supplying less than 90%.

Senator Dole said he would followup in cases where dealers calling him have received less than their companies have indicated they are supplying.

In a related action, Senator Dole, in a letter today to Russell Train, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, asked that the EPA pollution controls on a fertilizer plant supplying Kansas be lifted temporarily.

A fertilizer plant in Soda Springs, Idaho, which produces a large quantity of triple-super-phosphate for Kansas and other Mid-west States will not have its pollution control equipment for approximately two months. Without this equipment the plant cannot produce this vitally important product. During this two month period the plant could produce as much as 50 to 60 thousand tons of the triple-super-phosphate.

The Senator has asked if the EPA could temporarily waive pollution control standards to permit this plant to produce this product.

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