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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE SEEKS RELIEF FOR SOUTHEAST KANSAS CATTLEMEN

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Following numerous requests from residents in a nine county area of Southeast Kansas, Senator Bob Dole has initiated action intended to provide a supply of scarce barbed wire for cattle grazing areas where torrential rains earlier this month washed out extensive amounts of fencing.

"Defense Department officials tell me that barbed wire can be made available through the Defense Supply Agency," Dole said, "if adequate amounts cannot be purchased through commercial outlets or provided by the Kansas National Guard."

Accordingly, Dole has urged the Governor's office to determine if National Guard stocks may be adequate to fill the need and if not, to submit a formal request to the U.S. Army.

Dole said that, according to one survey by the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, 16,000 spools of barbed wire are needed to repair damaged fencing in the region.