



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE OUTLINES PLAN FOR HARVEST FUEL NEEDS, WELCOMES FEO MOVE

Garnett, Kansas. In a letter to the Federal Energy Office, Senator Bob Dole has outlined a plan he says is intended to "help assure adequate fuel for the Kansas harvest."

"This plan," Dole says, "should build on the FEO's farm fuel coordination system announced on Friday, by backing it up with increased allocations for the state over the next two months and establishing a delivery system to assure prompt deliveries in shortage areas."

Dole has asked the Federal Energy Office for a minimum Kansas allocation of 140 million gallons for May and 150 million gallons in June. These amounts represent a substantial increase over the state's April allocation of 116 million gallons, Dole said, but "the increase is justified by the anticipated increase in demand for tourism, travel and especially for agriculture."

In addition, FEO regulation changes which Dole obtained and which are expected to go into effect in the first week of May, will assure that the May farm fuel allotment for Kansas of 24.3 million gallons will be made available in full and not be reduced by any allocation fraction factor.

On Friday, John Sawhill, FEO administrator, announced the establishment of a three-tier fuel reporting system, providing for coordination of local fuel needs during harvest through the county offices of the ASCS.

Dole said he welcomed this action by the FEO but had urged that plans be made now to back it up with an efficient delivery system. "To help work out the considerable logistics problems which can be anticipated," Dole said, "I have asked the Energy Office to meet with refiners and jobbers serving Kansas to work out concrete plans for establishing delivery service on an immediate basis to farmers and to custom cutters during harvest."