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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE URGES BALING WIRE AND FERTILIZER ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In separate actions late yesterday, Senator Bob Dole appealed to baling wire producers for help in resolving the shortage of wire and urged fertilizer companies to "do everything possible to discourage resale of product at exorbitant prices."

In telegrams to the two leading producers of baling wire, Colorado Fuel and Iron of Pueblo Colorado, and Armco Steel Corporation of Kansas City, Dole referred to distribution programs discussed at his meeting with them in January, saying that "time is of the essence since many hay fields are ready for cutting and inadequate supplies of wire are available for baling." Dole called upon the companies to "supply more baling wire to famers in Kansas."

The Senator also sent letters to all fertilizer companies supplying Kansas, pointing out that local surpluses are apparently developing outside Kansas due to drought. Although redistribution of these surpluses is being accomplished by brokers, the final price is prohibitive to Kansas farmers and is detrimental to the image of the fertilizer companies. Dole urged the distribution of "product to those areas in greatest need, as in Kansas" to stop reselling at exorbitant prices. The Senator also warned the fertilizer producers against further "inflationary rises in fertilizer costs."

Dole also announced that the Senate Agriculture Committee will hold hearings in Washington on July 24 and 25 regarding the future supply-demand outlook for fertilizer, farm chemicals, natural gas, propane and other fuels and energy utilized by U.S. agriculture.