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USDA SENDING AGENT TO SPEED CROP DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Bob Dole today announced that, in response to his request, the Department of Agriculture is sending Mr. James Coker, Assistant to the Regional Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, to determine additional steps that can be taken to speed assessments of crops in final stages of failure.

"Hopefully, the bureaucratic hassle of getting assessments of crop failure can be further reduced," Dole said. "The steps already taken should be helpful in this regard."

Dole also learned that the Department of Agriculture, in cases where the crop output is in doubt, has given farmers the authority to leave a sample of the failing crop for later evaluation and proceed to use the rest of the crop or land for other purposes.