



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE ANNOUNCES RELAXATION OF DISASTER PAYMENT REQUISITES.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole said he was notified this morning the USDA is sending instructions to ASC County offices that farmers in drought stricken areas will be allowed to cut their feed grain crops for forage if they feel they are beyond saving for grain. "Farmers must leave a representative sample of at least 5 per cent of their production," Dole said. "Originally the ASC was requiring that the crop be left in the field till normal harvest time, but then the crop would lose any forage value.

"I was pleased we were successful in cutting across the government red tape on this new provision of the Farm bill passed last year," Dole added. "On my weekend trips to Kansas I have been distressed to see the corn crop ruined by the drought that has severely affected our area of the country."

The disaster provisions were added to the 1973 Farm bill to make payments of 1/3 the target price of the commodity when farmers are prevented from planting or harvesting 2/3 of a normal crop on their farm. Farmers who feel they have lost their crop from the drought conditions should contact their local ASC office for details on the program.