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EMERGENCY HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON CROP LOSSES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole announced today that emergency hearings on disastrous crop losses will be held Thursday, August 15 in Washington. Dole, ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on Agricultural Production, Marketing and Price Stabilization of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry announced the hearings Monday afternoon after the United States Department of Agriculture reported a reduction in expected corn harvest of 32% under last year.

"It is obvious we have a disastrous crop situation," said Dole, "which is affecting many areas of Kansas. It will be necessary for government at all levels to cooperate in helping farmers through this difficult period and I have been in contact with Governor Docking during the last two weeks on the need for emergency loan designation in affected counties.

USDA crop reports issued Monday confirmed earlier estimates of a 50% reduction in feed grain production caused by drought conditions, and lack of fertilizer.