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24 KANSAS COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR FHA EMERGENCY LOANS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole announced today that farmers in 24 Kansas counties are now eligible for emergency loans through the Farmers Home Administration as a result of drought, rains, hail and windstorms that damaged crops and personal property since June 1, 1974. Dole had predicted last week that the counties would be designated eligible for aid.

Farmers in all the counties sustained loss of crops, shortage of feed for livestock and scorched pastures because of the drought from June 1 to Nov. 1, 1974. On August 17, a severe storm of hail high winds and heavy rains caused the farmers in Crawford, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties to report damage of farm homes, service buildings, machinery and equipment, fences, personal property and hay crops. The counties designated because of drought damage are: Bourbon, Brown, Cherokee, Clay, Coffey, Crawford, Franklin, Greenwood, Jackson, Jefferson, Labette, Linn, Lyon, Marshall, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wilson and Woodson.

FHA emergency loans are made at 5% interest to farmers and ranchers to cover losses resulting from designated disasters. Applications for loan assistance are filed in FHA county offices. Applications for physical losses are authorized until Feb. 18, 1975 and for production losses until September 19, 1975.