



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE PROPOSAL APPROVED; KANSANS WILL RECEIVE \$540,000 FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM

"An additional \$540,000 will be made available to farmers of western Kansas for the Great Plains Conservation program," Senator Bob Dole announced today.

Senator Dole made the announcement after he received notice from the Senate Appropriations Committee that it had approved his proposal to appropriate an additional \$2 million for the program to fund some of the backlog of approved conservation plans awaiting funding.

The action was in response to a request from Senator Dole for additional funding. "The benefits of this important conservation program were tested this year during the drought," Dole said. "And it is imperative that we fund as many of the long-range cost-sharing programs as possible to be ready for any future droughts."

The Great Plains Conservation program provides cost-sharing funds for approved 3, 5, or 10 year conservation plans that will provide maximum utilization of available moisture and minimize destruction by erosion in dry periods. It has been cited as one of the most successful soil conservation programs available.

Presently, Kansas has a backlog of \$700,000 in approved projects awaiting funding.