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DOLE INTRODUCES NEW FARM LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.....Senator Bob Dole, (R-Kan), today introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate to assist the nation's wheat farmers. Dole's bill would raise the target price for wheat for the 1978 crop from \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Senator Dole, ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee, said, "Wheat farmers are in serious financial trouble and some new legislation is needed. There is probably no segment of American Agriculture in as serious financial trouble as the wheat grower."

Dole stated, "Action in the House of Representatives last evening killed the Emergency Agricultural Act of 1978, passed by the Senate last week. The farmers of this nation needed that bill, but it was killed by distortion by the Carter Administration. The threat of veto caused many members of the House to vote against the bill."

"I am introducing a bill, the provision of which was stated by Secretary Bergland as the only thing that President Carter would approve as improvements to farm legislation this year. The bill is a simple one. It raises the target price for wheat to \$3.50 per bushel, up from the \$3.00 per bushel presently in law (\$3.05 if crop is less than 1.8 billion bushels)."

"Since this was the top target price level and the only change Secretary Bergland could get approved, I want to make sure the farmers of this nation get the benefit of this increase."

"I shall ask the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee to act promptly to report this bill at our executive session on April 19th, and would hope we could have prompt action on the floor."