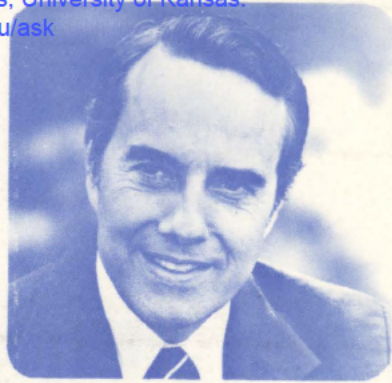


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CARTER DOES NOT KEEP COMMITMENT TO KANSAS FARMER

WASHINGTON, D.C....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today, "President Carter has not lived up to his commitment to the farmers in Kansas and other states to keep grain prices up to pre-embargo levels and his commitment to spread the burden and costs of the embargo to all Americans."

Dole said, "It has been over 60 days since the embargo and the Administration is just beginning to buy wheat. At a typical Kansas elevator (Plains Equity Exchange at Plains, Kansas) the wheat price was \$3.90 the week before the embargo. The wheat price is now \$3.59 per bu. or 31¢ below pre-embargo levels. This is not what the President promised the farmer."

Dole said at a meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee Tuesday that, "There is an economic crisis on the farm in Kansas. Farmers are scared about falling grain prices and the rising cost of production."

"Diesel fuel prices at the typical Kansas farm supply business have gone from 45¢-50¢ in March of 1979 to 96¢-\$1.00 per gallon in March of 1980. This is a doubling in the price. The price of grain sure hasn't doubled."

"Anhydrous ammonia fertilizer prices have gone from \$145.00 per ton in March of 1979 to \$195.00 per ton in March of 1980. Phosphate fertilizer (18-46-0) prices have gone from \$190.00 per ton in March of 1979 to \$290.00 per ton in March of 1980."

"Interest rates on money to operate farms is also up to record levels. Kansas farmers just cannot survive in this kind of situation. President Carter's farm policy seems to be to keep farm product prices low while keeping farm expenses high. This is just the opposite of what it should be. The President just has not kept faith with the farmer."