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KANSAS GIVEN 2 MILLION FOR RURAL WATER DISTRICT DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON.....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today nearly 2 million dollars in loans and grants will be given to 5 Kansas rural water districts and 1 city to improve water systems strained by this summer's drought.

Dole said more than \$13 million has been made available nationwide by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) of the USDA to assist drought stricken water systems.

"I was told by FmHA officials today that more funds will be made available next week and that some of the funds will be allocated to Kansas. I am pleased the funds are being made available to meet the emergency. Sen. Kassebaum and I have been working for several weeks to assist Kansas rural water districts in their need for emergency funding," Dole stated.

"The 2 million dollars will be used in Kansas to hook up systems to a new source of water, to dig new wells, and to repair leaks," Dole said.

The Kansas systems receiving emergency funding are:

<u>System</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cherokee Co. Rural Water District #2	\$ 72,000	---	\$ 72,000
Lyon Co. Rural Wat District #1	\$460,000	\$360,000	\$820,000
Montgomery Co. Rural Water District #5	\$ 30,000	---	\$ 30,000
Neosho Co. Rural Water District #2	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Crawford Co. Rural Water District #6	\$103,000	---	\$103,000
City of Buffalo-Wilson County	\$373,000	\$375,000	\$748,000

"I believe it is important to provide the necessary funds so the districts can meet emergency situations such as drought. I am hopeful there will be enough funds to meet the needs that still exist in Kansas," Dole said.