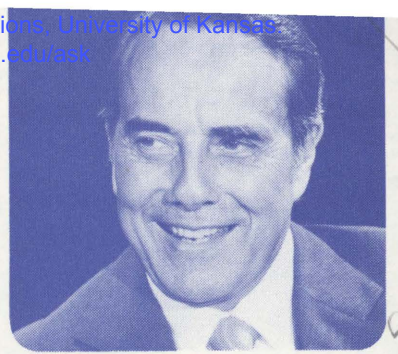


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DOLE ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE FIGURES FOR THE 1991 WHEAT PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) today announced a key component of USDA's 1991 wheat program. In early July, Dole urged Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter to announce this program for the benefit of farmers who would be seeding their fall crops soon.

"It's the same old story -- Congress is playing politics with the Farm Bill while our winter wheat farmers are left out in the cold. That's why I've been pressuring the Secretary to give us the outlines of the new program."

USDA will announce that the ARP percentage will be from 10 to 20 percent. Unfortunately, an exact percentage cannot be announced as a result of divergent provisions in the House and Senate Farm Bills. In addition, final loan rate levels established by the 1990 Farm Bill may also influence the final ARP percentage.

"All winter wheat farmers will welcome this announcement from the USDA. Farmers will now have some information needed to make planting decisions. And the secretary's announcement is timely. It's still well before planting time so this gives all farmers time to plan accordingly," said Dole.

"As I told Secretary Yeutter in July, it's only fair to give farmers what they need now - guidelines before they begin planting their winter wheat crop in the fall. Though this announcement is not fully detailed, I know Kansas farmers will benefit from these guidelines."

Although the announcement may not be in as much detail as we would like, it at least gives winter wheat farmers a broad outline of a key component of the winter wheat program.

Unrelated to the winter wheat program but equally important to winter wheat farmers was Yeutter's reassurance that USDA will continue to utilize the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) to keep wheat competitive in world markets. Yeutter reported that USDA has EEP initiative open and available in virtually every major and minor wheat or flour market where U.S. farmers face unfair competition from the EEC.

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