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Congressman Bob Dole (6th District-Kansas) Republican, has appealed to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman to allow wheat farmers who participate in the feed grain program to substitute winter barley for grain sorghum and corn in the special agricultural conservation program for 1962.

In a letter to Freeman, Dole stated, "Unless some such provision is made in administering the 1962 wheat and feed grain programs, farmers may be faced with serious wind erosion resulting not only in substantial loss of income to farmers but serious damage to thousands of acres of land."

Dole indicated the Department has established a barley program separate and distinct from corn and grain sorghum because of different normal growing periods for winter barley, corn and grain sorghum, to simplify administration of the law, but added he felt the Department has statutory authority under existing law to combine the programs. He stated, "The special circumstances involved in producing wheat in Western Kansas make it imperative barley and grain sorghum acreage be made interchangeable."

"Farmers of Western Kansas are not asking special consideration. They are justifiably concerned over the possibility of the ever present threat of dust storms. Permitting winter barley to be planted on grain sorghum acreage could help considerably to offset this threat," Dole asserted.

Dole cited numerous provisions in the "Agricultural Act of 1961" to Freeman which he believes are authority for making interchange in the programs possible.