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Washington, D. C. Congressman Bob Dole of Russell, Kansas, has pointed out another flaw in the 1962 Wheat Program and stated he will introduce legislation intended to correct it and ask the Department of Agriculture to support it.

Because of the lateness of the session, Dole has also requested the Department of Agriculture to reconsider its interpretation of the 1962 Wheat Program which uses the 1959-1960 average yields to determine diversion payments, but the 10-year average for other quota provisions. Dole explained that in Thomas County for example, the 1959-1960 average yield is 31 bushels, the basis on which diversion payments will be made, whereas, the normal yield over the 10-year period is about 23 bushels. A Farmer in Thomas County who will be paid the diversion payment on the basis of 31 bushels, but should his wheat yield only 15 bushels per acre next year, would be permitted to release only 8 bushels per acre from stored excess because of the 10-year normal yield interpretation by the Department rather than 16 bushels.

"This is particularly distressing to many farmers in Western Kansas who have already seeded their wheat and in fact many voted for the program on the basis the 1959-60 average yield figures would be used for all purposes," Dole explained.

Dole stated he has supported other "patchwork legislation to permit planting of winter barley on diverted wheat acres and changing certain "sale of excess provisions" and he is hopeful these measures can be passed by the House this week.