

July 10, 1962

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) charged today that wheat producers of Kansas and other Great Plains states again ^{Were shut out of the middle} get the short end of the stick under the terms of ^{'quickie'} ~~the~~ farm bill ~~amendment~~ approved 22 to 10 by the House Agriculture Committee this morning and passed by the House ___ to ___ this afternoon."

"The ink ~~was hardly~~ ^{Even before} ~~hadly~~ ^{signed} ~~been~~ dry on President Kennedy's signature ~~to~~ the Administration's so-called permanent farm bill, ~~last week~~, ^{treated before} before Secretary Freeman was pleading with Congress ~~to amend the law~~ ¹⁹⁶³ for a major amendment to the wheat section of the law, Dole said. "The ^{farm} measure, as finally approved by Congress, would ^{and signed by farm} subject ~~perhaps as many as~~ ^{of would have limited some} 350,000 ^{15 acre growers} farmers--mainly in the Corn Belt, the East and the South, ^{to} to penalties for overplanting wheat in 1963.

^{These are the} ~~These are the~~ 15-acre growers, ^{and} farmers who produce wheat as a minor, sideline crop. Many of ~~them~~ have allotments of only six, seven or eight acres but they ^{in the past} have in recent years been permitted to plant up to 15 acres of wheat, without penalty. ~~This additional production~~ Production from these exempted acres has contributed substantially to the present wheat surplus.

^{included} "Great Plains wheat growers have been urging a clamp-down on the 15-acre producers for some time. ^{and 2 weeks} Recently, when the farm bill was in conference, ~~there was~~ ~~Congressman Paul~~ ~~Belcher~~ (R-Oklahoma), ~~succeeded in~~ ~~obtaining~~ the adoption ~~of~~ ^{an} ~~an~~ amendment ^{was included} which would ~~permit~~ ^{have restricted farm} individuals with allotments of less than 15 acres to plant only as much wheat as they had grown in ^{the highest year} 1959, 1960 or 1961, ~~whichever was~~ ~~higher~~ the higher.

"Thus, if a farmer had ~~planted~~ ^{in 1959, 1960 or 1961} only 8 acres as ~~the~~ ^{in 1963} his highest figure, ~~he~~ and actually planted 15 acres, he could be subject to a penalty of approximately \$35 per acre on the additional 7 acres. ^{unless} He could, ~~however~~, plow under the acres ^{he} over-seeded, ~~and thus escape~~ the penalty. ~~Many~~ ^{Many} Kansas farmers ^{who} over-plant and then destroy the excess before harvest time.

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"I voted against giving these 15 acre producers, ~~such an~~ advantage over our commercial wheat growers. ~~I voted against the bill both in Committee and on the Floor of the House.~~ ^{today} Congressman J. Floyd Breeding, ^{long busy} the other Kansas member of the House Agriculture Committee supported the bill on both votes.

acreage controls,
"Under present ~~uncontrolled regulations~~ ^{will be able to plant crop} which will ~~become~~ ^{be} even more harsh in 1964, ~~Western~~ ^{crop} Western Kansas wheat farmers ~~plant~~ ^{only} only about 25 per cent of their ~~land~~ ^{crop} each year. On the other hand, ~~the~~ ^{15 acre} farmers in ~~such~~ ^{such} states as Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, utilize almost every acre in the production of such uncontrolled crops as corn, oats and soybeans, with wheat ^{100%} ~~sideline~~ ^{crop}.

"I cannot understand ^{why} how anyone from Western Kansas could support this designed almost exclusively to benefit new wheat acreage exemption ~~for small growers in other areas.~~ ^{the} If 350,000 farmers ~~are~~ ^{interested} involved, as USDA says, and ~~this results in~~ ^{amendment} ~~only~~ ^{only} 5 additional wheat acres for each of them, at least 50,000,000

more bushels could be added to the Nation's wheat surplus next year. ^{it doesn't}

^{take an effort to figure out if} "Mr. Breeding has been quoted as saying that this farm bill amendment is required to correct a 'clerical ~~xxx~~ error' in the farm bill signed by the President. The fact is that the language of the bill ~~was~~ ^{the new} Mr. Breeding would now amend was adopted by the joint Senate-House conference, of which the new (relating to small wheat growers) he was ~~a~~ a member. If he didn't know that provision was in the Conference Report, later approved by both branches of Congress, he has only himself to blame. In any case, he cannot justify his ~~xxxxxxx~~ vote of today for this bill which so clearly discriminates against Western Kansas wheat producers," Dole said.

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