



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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EXPORT REPORTING SYSTEM EASED

TOPEKA---Senator Bob Dole called the easing of reporting requirements of the Export Monitoring System, a "step in the right direction." In a meeting last week with Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, Dole had urged removal of the monitoring system on grain exports.

Today's action by the USDA doubles the quantity of wheat, soybeans and soybean meal that an exporter can sell to one destination without reporting the sale to the Government within 24 hours or seeking prior approval.

"Though it's not all I requested," Dole said, "I'm pleased with today's action. This means considerable liberalization of the export monitoring system and should help brighten the export picture. The recent decline in grain prices is an indication that rigid export monitoring practices are not helping the market nor are they necessary in light of the current domestic supply situation. In the current year, with over 12 1/2 million Kansas acres planted in wheat, it is imperative we maintain strong export markets."

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