



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE CALLS NEW TARGET PRICE PROPOSALS A "STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION"

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"While Secretary Bergland's new target price proposals are certainly a step in the right direction, he is still short of target levels necessary for 1978, and has proposed no adjustment for 1977," Senator Bob Dole said today. "I am now encouraged, however, that we will be able to work out a reasonable farm bill with the Administration."

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland today announced that President Carter had approved changes in target prices for grains as follows:

Wheat - \$2.90 per bushel up from Bergland's original proposal of \$2.60

Corn - \$2.00 per bushel up from Bergland's original proposal of \$1.75

Dole, ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee, had criticized the Administration's earlier proposed target prices for wheat and feed grains as "unrealistic." "I'm pleased the Administration has responded to my concerns, and the concerns of many farmers and farm groups with this new proposal," he said today.

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