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DOLE URGES BERGLAND TO ANNOUNCE INTENTION ON WHEAT SET-ASIDE

GARDEN CITY, KS. -- Senator Bob Dole today urged Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland to announce his intentions "relative to a set-aside requirement for 1978 crop wheat as soon as possible."

The proposed farm bill, which has not received final Congressional approval, provides for any wheat set-aside plans to be announced by Aug. 15. Since the bill cannot be signed into law until sometime in September, the Secretary of Agriculture is not legally required to announce his plans until then.

"While Secretary Bergland is not legally required to announce his plans for a set-aside now," Dole said, "winter wheat farmers -- in Kansas and elsewhere -- deserve to be made aware of his intentions as soon as possible. Secretary Bergland has the information he needs to make a decision from the USDA crop production report which will be announced late this week."

Following is the text of Dole's telegram to Bergland:

Urge you to announce your intentions relative to a set-aside requirement for 1978 crop wheat as soon as possible.

Winter wheat farmers need this information in order to make plans and prepare their ground for planting in late September.