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DOLE CALLS PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE ON FARM BILL ASSURED

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "Yesterday's announcement on wheat set-asides leaves no doubt that President Carter will sign the Farm Bill," Senator Bob Dole said today.

"Now that a decision on set-asides has been reached and announced, the Department of Agriculture should move immediately to provide details of the program to farmers. It is a different program than we have had before, and very complex. Farmers will have to decide in the very near future whether they want to participate and they must have this information," Dole said.

Dole urged USDA to take steps to expedite agricultural exports. "Commodity Credit Corporation credit availability should be increased, not cut." The Administration recently announced a reduction from \$1 billion to \$750 million in CCC credit. Dole also recommended that USDA "announce they will vigorously support my bill to authorize CCC credit to certain world markets where it is currently prohibited -- especially the Peoples Republic of China. The PRC has recently bought about 9 million tons of wheat -- none of it from the United States -- and purchases of U.S. grain by that country could be a big boon to farmers," Dole pointed out.