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DOLE AGAIN URGES BERGLAND TO DECLARE DISASTER EMERGENCY IN 25 KANSAS COUNTIES

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today again asked Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland to approve emergency disaster status for 25 counties in Kansas.

In a telegram to Bergland, Dole re-emphasized the needs of these counties which sustained over \$58 million in losses due to severe rain, hail and windstorms during May and June.

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

" On August 9, 1977 I wrote you urging immediate approval of 25 Kansas counties for emergency disaster assistance. Kansas Governor Robert Bennett requested approval of the counties.

Almost a month has passed with no word from your office about the emergency declaration. I, once again, urge your immediate approval of the emergency request.

Kansas Farmers need assistance now. They should not have to wait any longer for help from the USDA.

Almost 13,000 farmers suffered more than \$58 million in losses in 25 counties. Farmers suffered damage to their crops, livestock, and farms as a result of a string of storms that struck Kansas during May and June. "

The counties affected include: Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Cowley, Dickinson, Elk, Grant, Greeley, Kingman, Labette, Linn, Marion, Meade, Miami, Montgomery, Morris, Morton, Ottawa, Reno, Saline and Stevens.