



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE JOINS GOVERNOR BENNETT IN REQUESTING THE SBA DECLARE KANSAS ELIGIBLE FOR FARM DISASTER LOAN

Washington, D.C. --- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today joined Kansas Governor Robert Bennett in requesting the Small Business Administration declare all 105 Kansas counties eligible for physical disaster long-term farm loans.

In a letter to SBA Administrator A. Vernon Weaver, Senator Dole said, "Kansas farmers have experienced many natural disasters during the past 18 months. Drought, flooding, hail and high winds have damaged crops all across Kansas. These disasters have caused serious economic losses to farmers. Low farm prices coupled with disaster losses have left many Kansas farmers in severe financial condition."

The Kansas Senator said the SBA has been given this new program to assist farmers. "I believe the benefits of the program should be made available to Kansas farmers," Dole said.

Senator Dole stated the SBA has been experiencing some difficulty in delivering the new program in other states already approved. "I hope the SBA will be in a position to deliver acceptable credit services to Kansas farmers."

The following is the full text of Dole's letter to A. Vernon Weaver:

Dear Administrator Weaver:

Kansas Governor Robert Bennett has requested that all 105 Kansas counties be declared eligible for Small Business Administration physical disaster long-term farm loans. I join with Governor Bennett in requesting the declaration and urge you to approve the Governor's request.

Kansas farmers have experienced many natural disasters during the past 18 months. Drought, flooding, hail and high winds have damaged crops all across Kansas. Low farm prices coupled with disaster losses have left many Kansas farmers in severe financial condition.

The Small Business Administration has been given a new loan program to assist farmers who have suffered physical crop losses. I believe the benefits of this program should be made available to Kansas farmers.

I understand the SBA has been experiencing difficulties in implementing this new program in other states already declared eligible. I hope the SBA will be in a position to deliver acceptable credit services to Kansas farmers. By this time SBA should have their policies determined and their emergency employees hired and trained.

I urge your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate