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Senator Dole Anticipates New Cover Crop Regulations for Set-Aside
Acres

Washington, D.C.....Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today he has received information indicating the U.S. Department of Agriculture will soon approve new cover crop regulations for set-aside acres in Kansas. Hundreds of farmers have requested the regulations be changed

Senator Dole stated he had recommended to Secretary Bergland that the Kansas Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Committee be allowed flexibility to prescribe how set aside acres are handled. This recommendation was approved by U.S.D.A.

"The Kansas ASCS Committee followed up with a recommendation that stubble residue from the prior-year crop be considered eligible cover on designated set-aside acres provided the county committee determines the stubble residue is adequate to control wind and water erosion," Senator Dole said.

"I anticipate that this recommendation, which I endorse, will soon be approved," Dole announced. "I expect the official announcement in the next few days."

"The present regulation that set aside acres must be planted to a conserving crop is not acceptable to Kansas farmers," Dole said. "The goal in this effort is to obtain sufficient cover on the ground to prevent exposure to wind and water erosion. Such erosion control has been effective for years throughout the Great Plains by leaving the stubble from the harvested crop."

The Kansas Senator said the present regulation would require plowing the ground and planting, and, with some cover crops necessitate mowing and clipping. The proposal would require an unneeded use of energy and time in addition to depleting valuable moisture so needed throughout the Great Plains."