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DOLE ANNOUNCES CROP INSURANCE EXPANSION

WASHINGTON -- Five additional crops in eight counties in Kansas are now eligible for federal all-risk crop insurance, U.S. Senator Bob Dole announced today.

Dole said the expansion is the latest result of the 1980 Crop Insurance Act which goes into effect this year, and allows the USDA to expand to all crops in all counties.

Dole explained that the additional crops covered are grain sorghum, barley, soybeans, corn and oats. These crops are grown in counties where crop insurance presently operates, but have not previously been insured.

The eight counties affected are: Barber, Butler, Clay, Comanche, Dickinson, Greeley, Harper and Harvey.

Dole said, "I am pleased that the USDA is now implementing the new crop insurance program approved by Congress. It is the result of three years of hard negotiating to produce a partnership arrangement among the federal government, the farmer and the private insurance industry. I believe it is an improvement over the present piece-meal program."

The expansion will allow for crop insurance coverage for an additional 454,800 acres in Kansas. 16.843 million Kansas acres are insured by the present program.