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DOLE SENDS LETTER TO AG SECRETARY ESPY -
SEEKS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR KANSAS COUNTIES
HIT BY DAMAGING WEATHER

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today sent Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy the following letter requesting federal disaster assistance for those Kansas counties affected by recent destructive weather conditions:

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The Honorable Mike Espy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary:

My congratulations to you on the speed in which you have thrown yourself into dealing with the weather related disasters facing several midwestern states. Your visit to these states provides a needed personal assurance that help is on the way.

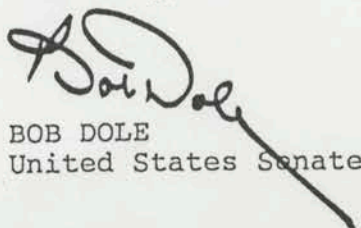
As you are well aware, storms have caused extensive damage. Although disasters are not as concentrated as in those states along the Mississippi river, the effects of the storms remain widespread.

In Kansas, severe storms have pounded the state including tornados, very heavy rains, large hail and in some cases extremely high straight winds. This severe weather has devastated crops, prevented plantings, and destroyed homes and businesses. Based on preliminary Damage Assessment Reports (DAR's), as many as 50-55 counties could be on a declaration list which includes contiguous declarations. Unfortunately, there is no end in sight to this bad weather.

Kansas farmers are in the process of harvesting the state wheat crop which continues to be hampered due to wet weather. The quality of the crop continues to deteriorate with each additional delay. Farmers have also been prevented from planting spring crops such as milo and soybeans.

While I appreciate the attention you have given this matter in other states, its important to note that the need for disaster assistance in Kansas is also immediate. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,


BOB DOLE
United States Senate