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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 25 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) commended the Department of Agriculture's action today to increase the dairy price support level \$.27, from \$4.66 per hundredweight to \$4.93 per hundredweight.

"Today's price support increase," Dole said, "indicates that the USDA recognizes the marked increase in costs to dairy farmers and the fact that they have no way to boost the price they receive for milk to compensate for these rising costs."

The Kansas Senator explained, "Farm income is far below other segments of the economy, but Secretary Hardin's move to increase the price support level is an action comparable to a pay raise in other segments of the economy."