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DOLE URGES GRAIN MARKETING RESEARCH LABORATORY FUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 12, 1972 ----- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) urged Congressional support today for adequate funding of a new agricultural research center in Manhattan, Kansas, that due to insufficient appropriations, is presently functioning on less than 25 per cent of the staff it needs.

In a statement submitted to the Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations for Agriculture Environment and Consumer Protection, the Kansas Senator stressed the farmers' need for proper staffing of the Grain Marketing Research Laboratory in Manhattan. He said the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the benefits from research in grain handling, storing, drying, transporting and systematic marketing would be more than \$200 million for the grain farmers of this nation. Dole said:

The USDA benefit figure for the research center is near the amount needed for staffing this facility and would, therefore, offset the cost expended with improved income for our farmers. I ask the subcommittee to fully fund this facility so that it may begin full operations in the coming year.

The center, designed for a staff of 141 people, including 47 professionals, has only 12 professional people and a total staff of 35.

In the same statement, Dole urged support of appropriations for Soil Conservation Service programs. He said he was a "strong supporter" of SCS programs, due especially to its efforts to "control pollution of the environment and at the same time its work to help develop a country where we can have quality living conditions along with wise resource development."