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"NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK"

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today introduced legislation to honor American agriculture by proclaiming the last full week in March of each year as "National Agriculture Week".

Dole, who is cosponsoring the resolution with Senator Hubert Humphrey (D.Minn.) said, "agriculture is not only America's biggest industry, but it is also the largest in the world, with assets totalling \$370 billion."

The Kansas Senator pointed out that there are over 4 million farm workers -- including farmers; another 2 million have jobs providing the supplies farmers use for production; and about 10 million people have jobs storing, transporting, processing and merchandising the products of farming.

The genius of the American farmer in providing for his fellow Americans and the world in the most efficient way possible is the essence of the American success story. American agriculture has provided the consumer with the greatest variety and highest quality food available to the people of any nation in the world. "Because of the U.S. farmer's ability and efficiency, 96 percent of our people have been freed to build the consumer and industrial products that provide today's high standard of living," Dole commented.

"The American farmer deserves our respect and understanding. He faces pressures unlike those in any other industry, and yet has done a superior job in fulfilling our needs. He deserves a tribute, and Agriculture Week is dedicated to this purpose," Dole said.