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DOLE OPPOSES EXPORT CONTROLS

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today said that if the government slaps export controls on agricultural products, it will break the farmers. Dole's statement was presented at a Senate Government Operations Committee hearing on the Russian grain sale.

"The futures market crashed down the limit yesterday," Dole said, "and it is apparent that export controls or similar measures will drive every farmer in Kansas and the country out of business by destroying the export market for farm products."

Dole pointed out that the price of fertilizer has more than tripled and that expenses for equipment and other essential materials used by farmers have skyrocketed and that farmers are further plagued by numerous shortages of essential materials.

Dole expressed support of the action by President Ford and Secretary of Agriculture Butz, saying that the guidelines given to exporting companies yesterday "will hopefully permit the strong foreign demand for our farm products to be expressed in a strong market" while at the same time preventing the sale of the food supplies necessary for our own consumption.

Senator Dole questioned the motives of the Russians in attempting to purchase such a large quantity of grain when the outcome of our own drought and frost plagued crop is uncertain. He admonished government officials that "even in this age of detente, you have to keep both eyes open when you are dealing with the Russians."