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DOLE SAYS AMERICA MUST CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF HER ECONOMIC POLICY NOW TO SAVE THE FARMER

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- "America must change the direction of her economic policy now or face further economic disaster at home and abroad," Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said here today. "Our economic policies are slowly destroying the American farmer and the family farm way of life."

Dole, in remarks at a Farmers for Hopkins meeting and picnic, said, "American farmers just cannot continue to produce abundant supplies of food for our people and for millions of people around the world unless they can cover their costs and make a profit."

"American farmers face continued unacceptably high interest rates, double-digit inflation, crop surpluses rising consumer prices and consumer resistance to higher food prices, unless America moves in a new direction."

"The time has come to stop and change the policies that breed suffering and disaster for the American farmer. The inflationary record of this country during the past 10 years should prove beyond a doubt that this policy does not and will never work. Americans in all walks of life are being hurt and penalized by our poor economic policies."

Dole said that all of America should be interested in seeing a healthy tobacco industry.

"A healthy tobacco industry is not only good for tobacco farmers themselves," he said, "but for the many Americans who benefit from the more than \$6 billion in tax revenues that are generated at the local, state and federal levels from sales of tobacco."

"Lately the industry has suffered from indiscriminate actions taken without consulting the tobacco leadership and members of Congress in tobacco-producing areas. Whenever the federal regulatory agencies contemplate major changes in tobacco programs, I suggest that a hearing be held where all segments of the tobacco industry can be given an opportunity to present their views."

"Similarly, when bans are placed, sometimes unjustifiably, on pesticides and treatments used by tobacco farmers, we should demand that alternative applications be found."

"As with all agricultural producers, I urge individual farmers to be alert in studying production and economic questions which affect tobacco, and in developing long-time practices and programs which will work for the good of the tobacco industry."