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DOLE JOINS GROUP TO INCREASE FARM EXPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole joined today with a bipartisan delegation of U.S. House and Senate Members and representatives of major agriculture associations to form the "U.S. Farm Export Education Project" to develop a unified national plan to promote U.S. Farm exports.

"I am pleased to be able to join with many of my colleagues in forming this new group," Dole said. "This project will identify specific ways to achieve maximum expansion of farm exports and will explain to the American people the important role that farm exports play in helping to reduce our balance of trade deficit, reducing inflation, and strengthening the dollar abroad," said Dole.

"I will soon be naming several Kansans to serve as advisors on farm exports, and they will become members of the National Task Force on Farm Export Expansion," Dole explained. "Each member of the Task Force will be asked to review specific proposals and make appropriate recommendations as to what our exporting policy should be for the next decade.

"Farm exports are now over \$40 billion a year, and are by far the leading factor in the United State's balance of trade. According to the U.S. Farm Export Education Project, these exports could more than double by 1985, and triple by 1990. This is why this current Task Force is so important, and why it is necessary to develop a comprehensive policy of export expansion.

"Additionally, increasing farm exports will be an economic boost to Kansas farmers, by helping to keep prices at a reasonable level, and providing new markets for our products. Increased farm exports will help put the profit back in farming."