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WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today called the Administration's offer to sell U.S. wheat to the Soviet Union at world market prices "a constructive step in the right direction for U.S. agriculture trade."

Dole has led the effort to make the U.S. more competitive in world export markets. "We've got to demonstrate to the rest of the world our willingness to compete and this is a first step in the right direction. As I've said all along, if we're going to sell agriculture commodities to the Soviet Union, we need to be competitive."

"Even with today's announcement, there is no guarantee the Soviets will purchase American wheat, but it does indicate the U.S. will be competitive."

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