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DOLE ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING MEASURE:
FUNDING FOR KSU'S THROCKMORTON AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS;

LANGUAGE INCLUDED FOR VIDEO HEALTH CARE LINKUP BETWEEN KU MED
CENTERS AND HAYS HEALTH CENTER

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today Senate committee approval to fund several major Kansas projects, including Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center and several research projects at Kansas State University. At the request of Senator Dole, language was also included regarding a rural development grant to expand a video linkup system between KU Med Centers and the Area Health Education Center in Hays.

"Full committee support says alot about the kind of quality these projects represent. Kansas State University continues to excel with its outstanding research facilities, and its commitment to lead American agricultural research into the 21st century," said Dole.

"Throckmorton is a state-of-the-art agriculture research center that is becoming an excellent national resource," added Dole.

The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved the FY1993 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The bill must now be approved by the full Senate.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

Senator Dole included language in the bill to expand a pilot project by the University of Kansas that uses two-way interactive video to link University of Kansas Medical Centers in Kansas City and Wichita with the Area Health Education Center in Hays. The system will enable specialists from the med centers to see patients in Hays simultaneously. Dole's language would expand the system by adding three to five small communities in western Kansas.

"One of the biggest problems facing rural communities is a shortage of health care professionals. This program can be an innovative way to help bring necessary care and attention to those living in Western Kansas," said Dole.

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THROCKMORTON PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER, K-STATE - \$1.57 MILLION

\$1,570,000 for the federal government's share in construction of office and laboratory facilities. KSU needs \$1 million to complete funding for the building.

Kansas State University research projects also approved are:

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM - \$1.942 MILLION

\$1.942 million for a project that researches food safety, particularly developing techniques to assist the meat industry in assuring a safe meat supply. Kansas State University joins the University of Arkansas and Iowa State University in this project.

WHEAT GENETICS RESOURCE CENTER - \$159,000

\$159,000 for Kansas State University-based Wheat Genetics Resource Center. The center focuses on national and international wheat improvement programs.

ALFALFA - \$125,000

\$125,000 for an alfalfa research program at KSU. The program is developing new alfalfa varieties and improving the disease and insect resistance of existing varieties. It also services as a technical source of information for alfalfa producers.

GREAT PLAINS AGRICULTURE POLICY RESEARCH CENTER - \$100,000

\$100,000 to Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University to develop agriculture information programs for statewide use. The program will analyze and project the impact of alternative agriculture plans and policies for the Great Plains region.

CANOLA - \$100,000

\$100,000 for Kansas State University to develop new varieties of canola suitable for growing in Kansas. The first series of planting will occur this fall.

WATER CONSERVATION RESEARCH - \$94,000

\$94,000 for first-year funding to research water conservation techniques at Kansas State University. The program will examine efficiency in water usage and management. KSU will also research crop management.

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