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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request to fund several major research projects at Kansas State University won final approval in the U.S. Senate Tuesday night. The projects are included in the 1995 Agriculture Appropriations Bill which now heads for the President's desk to be signed into law.

"Kansas State University has a proven record of challenging its students and undertaking innovative research that is valuable to agriculture producers and to the American consumer," Dole said.

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM - \$1.743 MILLION

\$1.743 million funding for a Kansas State University project which investigates food safety, specifically developing rapid techniques for detecting and tracing contaminated meat. Kansas State University joints the University of Arkansas and Iowa State University in this project, which has gained considerable attention from the USDA.

VALUE ADDED WHEAT PRODUCTS RESEARCH - \$212,000

\$212,000 for a program at Kansas State University to develop new uses for wheat. Applied research will identify and develop commercial products, such as wheat protein and wheat starch.

WHEAT GENETICS RESEARCH - \$176,000

\$176,000 for Kansas State University-based Wheat Genetics Resource Center. The center specializes in developing new wheat varieties and improving resistance techniques against common insects and diseases which destroy crops.

ALFALFA RESEARCH - \$106,000

\$106,000 for a project to develop new varieties of disease resistant alfalfa.

CANOLA RESEARCH - \$85,000

\$ 85,000 for Kansas State University for continued development of new varieties of canola suitable for growing in Kansas.

WATER CONSERVATION RESEARCH - \$79,000

\$ 79,000 for Kansas State University to research water conservation techniques. The program will examine the efficiency in water use and management.