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FARM BILL

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE
ON SIGNING OF FARM BILL

BAL HARBOUR, FL -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding the signing of the Farm Bill:

"Today's signing of the farm bill heralds a new era in American agriculture. The Republican Congress kept its promise by delivering a historic bill which overhauls sixty years of outdated agriculture policy and transitions America's farmers into the 21st century.

"We are giving more freedom and more flexibility to the American farmer, finally allowing our producers to plant for the market and not for the government. Government spending is reined in. Instead of mandates and the heavy hand of government, farmers are provided with incentives to promote common sense conservation practices, making this a bill conservationists can be proud of.

"This farm bill is good for agriculture, good for taxpayers, good for the environment, and good for America. No doubt about it, Republican leadership has produced a solid foundation for a prosperous rural America."