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DOLE-BACKED AMENDMENTS GAIN SENATE APPROVAL; \$285,000 FOR KSU RESEARCH PROJECTS AND JOINT PITTSBURG/K-STATE ETHANOL STUDY INCLUDED IN FY92 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Bob Dole (R-Ks) today secured funding for several new agricultural-related projects as the Senate passed the FY92 Agriculture Appropriations bill. Dole's proposals include funding for two new crop research programs at Kansas State University, Manhattan, and \$50,000 for a joint Pittsburg State/K-State feasibility study for an ethanol research and testing laboratory. The \$285,000 in new funding was diverted from funds approved by the Appropriations Committee for a stored grain insect problem project recently terminated by K-State. The bill, which already included \$5.585 million in Dole-backed projects, now moves to a joint House/Senate Conference Committee.

"Kansas State University continues to excel as a world class leader in agri-science research. This funding will help give our farmers the latest technology has to offer including the development of new strains of crops to deal with the unique planting and growing conditions on the Great Plains," said Dole.

"Last year's Clean Air Act required major changes to gasoline composition and to emissions standards and it's no secret that ethanol-blended fuels will play a major role in America's future gasoline requirements. I believe Kansas can play a critical role in developing these clean-burning fuels of the future benefiting our environment, increasing markets for farm commodities, and contributing to our domestic energy security," said Dole.

The new Dole amendments approved by the Senate include:

CANOLA - \$100,000

\$100,000 for Kansas State University to develop new varieties of canola suitable for growing in Kansas.

ALFALFA - \$125,000

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

ETHANOL - PITTSBURG STATE/K-STATE - \$50,000

\$50,000 for funding a joint Pittsburg State University and Kansas State University study to determine the feasibility of establishing an ethanol fuels emissions testing laboratory.

WHEAT GENETICS RESOURCE CENTER: \$10,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING

\$10,000 in additional funding for Kansas State University-based center which focuses on state-of-the-art genetic wheat improvement. Senator Dole had already secured \$149,000 in earlier action on the bill.

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