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DOLE REQUEST FOR THROCKMORTON APPROVED BY SENATE COMMITTEE; \$1.2 MILLION WILL COMPLETE KSU PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today committee approval to fund the Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center at Kansas State University. The Senate Appropriations Committee included \$1.2 million in the Agriculture Appropriations bill for the coming fiscal year to fund the final federal portion of the project. The measure now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

"I'm pleased that the Senate committee approved my request to fund the final federal installment for Throckmorton. In looking for ways to cut the deficit, it's important to recognize that Throckmorton has always passed the test as a proven educational and technological plus for our state. Upon completion, Throckmorton, will be one of the leading facilities for plant science research in the country," said Dole.

"Congressman Pat Roberts deserves high praise for his tireless support of this project in the House. His extraordinary efforts throughout the years in support of Throckmorton have helped bring this project closer to completion," added Dole.

The House of Representatives included \$884,000 in their version of the Agriculture Appropriations bill. Upon full Senate approval, a conference committee will meet to work out the differences in the two bills.

Ground breaking for the project took place on April 4, 1992. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 1994. The \$1.2 million will complete the federal commitment to the project. The state of Kansas will provide a total of \$6.796 million for the project. Another \$5 million will come from private sources.

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