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KANSAS CITY, MO. APRIL 15 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans) in an address to the first annual stockholders meeting of FAR-MAR-CO, Inc. re-emphasized his stand against the International Grains Agreement as it relates to U. S. exports.

Dole said, "You may be sure that until constructive solutions to the current IGA can be found, American agriculture must not be forced to cut back further while other nations are expanding exports."

The Senator, who called for a complete review of IGA shortly after the appointment of Secretary of Agriculture Hardin, said the continuing downtrend in wheat exports, especially hard red and soft red commercial sales, had prompted him to call for the reevaluation.

Dole said Secretary Hardin had already conducted a meeting of U.S. trade and producer groups followed with a meeting by the five major exporting countries--Argentina, Australia, Canada, European Economic Community and the United States. The exporting countries reviewed the world wheat market situation and noted that a significant reduction in wheat acreage in some exporting countries is taking place, and that some other exporting countries are developing policies to reduce acreage.

Dole said he would continue to watch developments very closely and "insist that the U.S. keep its wheat priced competitively in world markets".

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