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MEAT IMPORTS DECLINE

Washington, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that meat imports in June were 14% below a year earlier, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture figures. Imports for the first six months of 1974 were 7% below the same period in 1973.

"The decline in meat imports is good news for Kansas livestock producers," Dole said, "but the market continues to keep cattlemen in a loss position. I intend to keep working until import quotas are required by legislation on the livestock situation further improves."

A recent amendment by Dole, which would have halted meat imports, was defeated in the joint Senate-House Conference Committee on the Agriculture Appropriation Bill.

As expected, the decline in meat imports has not caused prices to consumers to rise appreciably. Foreign meat coming into the U. S. is used only for cheaper cuts such as lunch meat and hamburger.