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FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM TO BE INITIATED

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Agency for International Development will initiate a Farmer-To-Farmer pilot program within the next three months, Senator Bob Dole announced today after meeting in his office with State Department officials.

Dole, who originated the farmer-to-farmer concept in an amendment he authored to a foreign assistance bill in 1975, said the program "will export American technology to lesser developed countries by sending experienced farmers to assist local native farmers in improving their food production capabilities and food technology. I think the key to the expected success of this program lies in the fact that we'll be sending actual practicing farmers -- instead of PhD's and agricultural economists -- to work with their less experienced or less knowledgeable counterparts in other countries."