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KANSAN JOHN FRANKE NAMED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today announced the appointment of John Franke, of Merriam, Kansas, as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Franke, a former Johnson County Commissioner and currently Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in Kansas City, will assume his new duties in Washington on Monday, August 16.

Mr. Franke will have the responsibility for assisting Secretary of Agriculture John Block in developing policies and directing and managing operations of the Department of Agriculture, serving as principal advisor to the Secretary on all administrative management and related matters. He will have specific jurisdiction over the Office of Personnel, Office of Operations, Office of Finance and Management, Office of Administrative Services, Board of Contract Appeals, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Office of Minority Affairs, Office of Information Resources Management, and Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

In announcing the appointment, Dole said, "I have every confidence in John Franke's ability to assume this very high level of responsibility and look forward to working closely with him on matters that affect agriculture in Kansas and elsewhere."

Dole also stated that no successor for Franke at EPA has yet been selected by the White House.