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DOLE SUPPORTS ADMINISTRATION ACTION AGAINST EC

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today applauded the Reagan Administration's announcement to retaliate against the European Community (EC) for tariff increases on U.S. feed grain exports to Spain by restricting imports on specified EC agricultural products. Dole had sent President Reagan a letter recently urging him to retaliate if no agreement was reached with the EC by the December 31 deadline.

"We've been left with very little choice to defend the legitimate export interests of American farmers. The administration has attempted to take a very careful approach toward this issue in hopes of reaching an agreeable solution, but the EC has been unwilling to give the U.S. a fair share of the Spanish feed grain market," Dole said.

"The dispute over shipments of grain and other agricultural products represents a market potentially worth more than a billion dollars to American farmers. I concur with the Administration's decision in this case. Failure to resolve the issue would not only further damage U.S. agriculture, but would also set a very bad precedent at the start of a critical period of international trade negotiations."

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