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SENATE APPROVES \$1.35 MILLION FOR NEW PLANT SCIENCE
RESEARCH CENTER AT KANSAS STATE; DOLE AMENDMENTS INCLUDED
IN AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced Senate approval of \$1.35 million in funding for the new plant science research center at Kansas State University. The funding was included in the fiscal year 1989 Agriculture appropriations bill passed by the Senate this afternoon.

"With today's action, the Senate has made clear its commitment to establish a first-rate plant science research center at Kansas State. The University is already recognized world-wide for its leadership in the field of wheat and sorghum research and completion of this new center will give Kansas State a teaching and research facility that is second to none," said Dole.

Specifically, the center will focus on wheat breeding, sorghum modeling and management, cropping system technology for wheat and sorghum, and wheat and sorghum processing and utilization.

In further action on the bill, the Senate adopted two Dole amendments. The first amendment would provide \$100,000 in funding for the international livestock program at Kansas State, the second amendment would make a technical correction to the 1985 farm bill which would allow \$2.5 million to be released from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Mid-America World Trade Center in Wichita.

The international livestock program was begun three years ago, with Congress funding the initiative at the \$100,000 level the past two years. The program is administered by the Cooperative State Research Service (CSRS) and parallels the respected international grains program (IGP), also at K-State. The program has fulfilled an important niche in supplying specialty markets of livestock and livestock products to foreign markets.

Funding for the Mid-America World Trade Center was originally included in the fiscal year 1988 omnibus appropriations bill. However, language in the 1985 farm bill prohibited the Agriculture Department from actually delivering the already appropriated funds directly to the trade center. The Dole amendment corrects this situation.