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DOLE ANNOUNCES 92,000 METRIC TON KANSAS WHEAT SALE TO TAIWAN

WASHINGTON - SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY A MAJOR PURCHASE BY TAIWAN OF 92,000 METRIC TONS OF KANSAS WHEAT, PART OF A \$100 MILLION PURCHASING MISSION IN SEVEN STATES. SENATOR DOLE HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE MARCH TO INCLUDE A MAJOR KANSAS WHEAT PURCHASE AS PART OF THE TAIWAN TRADE MISSION.

"I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT OUR FRIENDS IN TAIWAN HAVE INCLUDED KANSAS AS PART OF THIS WHEAT PROCUREMENT MISSION. FOREIGN MARKETS FOR KANSAS WHEAT ARE VITAL FOR KANSAS FARMERS," SAID DOLE.

TAIWAN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IN TOPEKA AUGUST 27 TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND OPEN THE BIDDING PROCESS. SEVERAL KANSAS GRAIN COMPANIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WHICH IS ROUGHLY EQUAL TO 3.4 MILLION BUSHELS. FORMAL DETAILS OF THE TRADE MISSION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

IN A LETTER TO TAIWANESE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH, DOLE EMPHASIZED KANSAS AS A STOP ON ANY DELEGATION MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES. OTHER STATES INCLUDED IN THE TRADE MISSION ARE IDAHO, WYOMING, NEBRASKA, SOUTH DAKOTA, NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA. IT IS EXPECTED THE PURCHASE IS WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION.