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DOLE ANNOUNCES U.S. SENATE APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURE

FUNDING MEASURE:

FUNDING FOR KSU'S THROCKMORTON AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS;
INCLUDES EXPANSION OF VIDEO HEALTH CARE LINKUP BETWEEN KU MED
CENTERS AND HAYS HEALTH CENTER

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate late Tuesday night approved legislation to fund several major Kansas projects, including Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center and several research projects at Kansas State University. At the request of Senator Dole, the bill also includes language for a rural development grant to expand a video linkup system between KU Med Centers and the Area Health Education Center in Hays.

The Kansas projects are included in the 1993 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which now goes to a joint House/Senate conference committee before final approval by both houses.

"I'm pleased the full Senate has agreed to support these priority agriculture research projects. Kansas State University continues to excel with its outstanding research facilities, and its commitment to lead American agricultural research into the 21st century," said Dole.

"Throckmorton is a state-of-the-art agriculture research center that is becoming an excellent national resource," added Dole.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

The Agriculture funding bill includes Senator Dole's language to expand a pilot project by the University of Kansas that uses two-way interactive video to link University of Kansas Medical Centers in Kansas City and Wichita with the Area Health Education Center in Hays. The system is designed to enable specialists from the med centers to see patients in western Kansas simultaneously. Dole's language would expand the system by adding three to five small communities in western Kansas.

"One of the biggest problems facing rural communities is a shortage of health care professionals. This program can be an innovative way to help bring necessary care and attention to those living in Western Kansas," said Dole.

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THROCKMORTON PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER, K-STATE - \$1.57 MILLION

\$1,570,000 for the federal government's share in construction of office and laboratory facilities. KSU needs \$1 million to complete funding for the building.

Kansas State University research projects approved by the Senate include:

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM - \$1.942 MILLION

\$1.942 million for a project that researches food safety, particularly developing techniques to assist the meat industry in assuring a safe meat supply. Kansas State University joins the University of Arkansas and Iowa State University in this project.

WHEAT GENETICS RESOURCE CENTER - \$159,000

\$159,000 for Kansas State University-based Wheat Genetics Resource Center. The center focuses on national and international wheat improvement programs.

ALFALFA - \$125,000

\$125,000 for an alfalfa research program at KSU. The program is developing new alfalfa varieties and improving the disease and insect resistance of existing varieties. It also services as a technical source of information for alfalfa producers.

GREAT PLAINS AGRICULTURE POLICY RESEARCH CENTER - \$100,000

\$100,000 to Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University to develop agriculture information programs for statewide use. The program will analyze and project the impact of alternative agriculture plans and policies for the Great Plains region.

CANOLA - \$100,000

\$100,000 for Kansas State University to develop new varieties of canola suitable for growing in Kansas. The first series of planting will occur this fall.

WATER CONSERVATION RESEARCH - \$94,000

\$94,000 for first-year funding to research water conservation techniques at Kansas State University. The program will examine efficiency in water usage and management. KSU will also research crop management.

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