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DEMOCRAT HYPOCRISY ON AGRICULTURE

**DOLE CHALLENGES FARM STATE DEMOCRATS TO REPUDIATE FARM CUTS IN
CLINTON BUDGET MEMO: "DIRTY DOZEN" LIST OF HITS ON AGRICULTURE
REVEALS DEMOCRAT CAMPAIGN HYPOCRISY**

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA -- A list of Democrat efforts to cut agriculture programs reveals that "the Clinton administration's hypocrisy never ends," according to Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas). "From Social Security to Agriculture, the Clinton White House and their Democrat allies are launching phony last-minute attacks on Republicans," Dole added. "But a look at their record reveals that it is the Democrats who voted to increase taxes on Social Security recipients, and who have put a bulls-eye on the heartland of America."

Dole called on Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and farm state Democrat candidates -- including Kansas Gubernatorial candidate Jim Slattery, Iowa Gubernatorial candidate Bonnie Campbell, Oklahoma Senate candidate Dave McCurdy, Minnesota Senate candidate Ann Wynn, and others -- to repudiate the \$16 billion in farm cuts included in the Clinton administration's internal budget memo prepared by Budget Director Alice Rivlin.

"If these Democrats won't reject these so-called budget options dreamed up in the Clinton White House, then we'll know who's got the 'secret plan' to target the American farmer."

Below is a "dirty dozen" list of the Democrats' actions against agriculture in the last two years. In the last two years, it was Democrats who:

1. Proposed a budget plan that would have cost corn farmers anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per farmer due to higher fuel cost imposed by President Clinton's BTU tax;
2. Clinton Administration proposed cutting farm spending by \$3 billion in the FY 1994 budget. Democrat-controlled Congress cut farm spending by \$1.75 billion in FY94 budget;
3. Delayed ethanol regulations to clean up the air Americans breathe through the use of ethanol fuel made from corn. In fact the Administration has so mishandled the issue it is now in the courts;

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4. In this year's Appropriations bill, cut funding for soil and water conservation by nearly \$200 million dollars and this was less than one year after massive flooding in the Midwest that wiped out farmer's terraces and waterways that need to be rebuilt;
5. Underfunded meat inspection to the tune of \$103 million which would have led to entire shifts of workers being laid off at meat packing plants and threatened public safety;
6. Proposed cutting export program funding by 15%;
7. Underfunded the crop insurance program by \$217 million which threatened the programs very existence;
8. Proposed going on every farmers land and conducting a survey for endangered species, without any regard for private property rights;
9. Declared a de facto "War on the West" with higher grazing fees and a policy that protects owls without any regard to suffering caused by lost jobs in the logging industry in the Northwest;
10. Denied farmers and small business the right to deduct at least 25% of their health care premiums;
11. Charged agriculture \$1.7 billion to pay for GATT;
12. The so-called Rivlin budget memo reveals the Administration is considering cutting \$16 billion out of farm program spending over the next 5 years, which is nearly a 60% cut in farm program baseline outlays. They do this by increasing triple base to 25% and by reducing target prices 3% per year.

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