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TAIWANESE DELEGATION TO PURCHASE WHEAT IN KANSAS, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- A 25-person trade mission from the Republic of China will be in Kansas City this spring to purchase some 61,000 metric tons of American hard red winter wheat, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today.

In all, the Taiwanese will spend approximately \$10 million on the wheat, and \$1.3 billion total in the United States on goods and agricultural products.

Following a meeting today with the Republic's Representative to the Coordinating Council for North American Affairs Konsin Shah, Dole said the delegation would be in Kansas City, Kan., from May 16-19. The delegation will be under the auspices of the Republic of China's Board of Foreign Trade, and headed by Mr. Benjamin Lu. The delegation will be in the United States from late March to late May.

"Representative Shah indicated that opening bids on the wheat would be taken on May 18," Dole said. "This is a valuable opportunity for Kansas, not only for the purposes of this sale, but from the standpoint of our maintaining a good trading relationship with Taiwan."