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## DOLE PLEASSED WITH NEW GRAZING AND HAYING PROVISIONS

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, at a press conference with Agriculture Secretary John Block, today called new Reagan Administration haying and grazing provisions a "welcome improvement to the 1985 commodity programs."

Joining Dole and Block were Senators Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS), Jim Abdnor (R-SD), Larry Pressler (R-SD), Don Nickles (R-OK), and Phil Gramm (R-TX).

Under the 1985 programs for wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice, producers who participate by idling land under the Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) are not allowed to graze this acreage during the six principal growing months. They are also prohibited from harvesting any crop for hay or fodder.

The Secretary's announcement will allow participating producers to graze and/or hay their ARP acreage this year. The grazing provision allows a producer to have livestock other than his own graze his land. Under the haying provision, a producer may sell his harvested hay, but only at the cost of harvesting.

The announcement provides for state designation of eligible counties based on their shortage of fodder and animal feed. This provision has been included in previous haying and grazing programs.

The Acreage Reduction Program requirements, by crop, are as follows:

WHEAT	20%	(program includes 10% Paid Diversion)
COTTON	20%	(program includes 10% Paid Diversion)
RICE	20%	(program includes 10% Paid Diversion)
CORN	10%	