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DOLE PLEASSED WITH PRELIMINARY RULING ON CANADIAN IMPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today expressed satisfaction on a preliminary determination by the Commerce Department that Canadian imports of live swine and fresh, chilled and frozen pork products from Canada are being subsidized. The final ruling is scheduled to be announced June 10.

Today's determination followed a request by Senator Dole for an investigation by the International Trade Commission (ITC) and a subsequent countervailing duty petition filed by the National Pork Producer's Council with the ITC and the Commerce Department.

"This is a good sign for U.S. pork producers who have been concerned about the recent flood of imports from Canada," said Senator Dole. "This decision may have a significant impact on market prices."

The Commerce Department has preliminarily determined the net subsidy on Canadian hogs and pork to be .039 cents/pound, or approximately 18 percent of the declared value. A countervailing duty order will be issued and duties assessed in the amount of the subsidy if the final decision by both Commerce and the ITC are positive.

Prior to June 10, Canadian shippers are required to post a bond in the amount of the preliminary determination of the countervailing duty. Pork imports from Canada rose from \$251 million in 1983 to \$404 million in 1984.