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## DOLE PLEASSED WITH COMMERCE RULING ON CANADIAN IMPORTS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today expressed satisfaction with the final determination by the Commerce Department that Canadian imports of live swine and fresh, chilled and frozen pork products from Canada are being subsidized. A preliminary ruling had been issued by the Commerce Department on March 27.

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 good news for U.S. pork producers who have been concerned about the recent flood of imports from Canada and who have been anxiously awaiting the Commerce Department's final decision," said Senator Dole. "We've already seen a decrease of Canadian swine imports since the preliminary ruling and today's decision will take that process one step further to ensure that U.S. producers are competing on a level playing field with their Canadian counterparts."

The Commerce Department's decision also raised the bonding rate established in the preliminary decision to 5.5 cents/lb (Canadian) dressed weight and 4.4 cents/lb (Canadian) live weight. A bond in that amount will be posted by importers of Canadian hogs and hog products until a final determination is also made by the ITC due by July 25. If the ITC rules that the U.S. pork industry has suffered material injury, the Customs Department will require a cash deposit equal to the bonding rate on all imports of live swine and chilled and frozen pork products.

Pork imports from Canada rose from \$251 million in 1983 to \$404 million in 1984.