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DOLE LAUDS OFFER TO SELL AMERICAN WHEAT TO SOVIETS

Washington, DC -- The Administration's offer to sell up to four million metric tons of American wheat to the Soviet Union under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) could be a "shot in the arm" for farmers, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today.

Reacting to the offer announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sen. Dole said, "A significant step has been taken that could mean regaining what has traditionally been one of our largest wheat markets. Indeed, this could be a shot in the arm for our wheat farmers. And I understand the Soviets are seriously interested in our offer, because this offer is at competitive world prices. I'm hopeful they'll start buying tomorrow."

Sen. Dole, a leading proponent of the EEP concept, said, "I've been very insistent in urging the Administration to implement the EEP in an across-the-board manner. By getting the Soviet's attention with today's offer, we need to expand our approach and start looking at corn and soybean offers as well. After all, if we are going to trade in world markets, then we need to be competitive and not discriminate against our traditional customers no matter what the commodity is," said Sen. Dole.

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