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STATEMENT BY SENATOR DOLE ON USDA ANNOUNCEMENT THAT EXPORT PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

Washington, DC -- The following statement is issued by Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) in response to today's announcement by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will continue the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) even when funding for it from the Food Security Act of 1985 is exhausted:

"I commend Secretary Lyng and the Administration for its commitment to EEP. While there are several ways to help improve our rural economy, being competitive in world markets and boosting farm exports - as EEP has done - is perhaps the best and quickest way.

"By announcing its continued support for the program, the Administration again proves that it cares about farming and farmers, and that we are willing to go the extra steps necessary to help the agricultural sector of our economy."

Senator Dole has been a leading proponent of the EEP, and urged the USDA on July 22 to continue the program even though \$1.5 billion in funds for the program may soon be exhausted.

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