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DOLE WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT ON SOVIET WHEAT SALE

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today welcomed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) decision to offer 2.4 million metric tons of wheat for sale to the Soviet Union under the Department's Export Enhancement Program (EEP). The sale will be made as part of the long-term grain agreement between the Soviet Union and the United States.

"The decision is good news for America's wheat farmers," said Dole. "The export of grain under the Export Enhancement Program will help keep U.S. agriculture competitive in the world market. I hope this announcement will soon be followed by additional offers to sell wheat and other farm products to the Soviets during this final year of the current long-term agreement on agricultural products.

"We also need to begin negotiating another long-term agreement with the Soviets to be in place by October of 1988, when the current agreement expires. This will ensure a continued export market for U.S. wheat, corn, soybeans, and other farm products."

The wheat sales will be made by U.S. exporters at competitive world prices using commodities owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation.