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DOLE/KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE 23 KANSAS COUNTIES QUALIFY FOR NEW
DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

WASHINGTON -- Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum (R-Ks) today announced the approval of twenty-three Kansas counties for emergency livestock feeding programs to help drought-stricken livestock producers. Producers in most counties will be eligible for emergency haying and grazing during the five principal growing months and federal cost-share assistance to buy feed.

"Our crops and rangeland have taken a terrible beating. Now it's time for a helping hand, as Kansas farmers and ranchers deal with the lethal aftermath of drought, wind and heat," Dole said. "This relief package is very timely for many livestock producers who need to obtain additional feed supplies. It also should provide some help in stemming the liquidation of herds and movement to feedlots that many producers are faced with."

"Although much of the attention has been on the Kansas wheat crop, livestock producers are also affected by this year's severe drought conditions," said Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum. "Now they will be able to receive some much-needed relief with this feed assistance program announced today."

The senators noted they had requested approval of other Kansas counties and expected further action immediately.

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES ANNOUNCED TODAY

BARTON	JEWELL
LINCOLN	OSBORNE
MITCHELL	ELLSWORTH
REPUBLIC	CLOUD
OTTOWA	SUMNER
WASHINGTON	DICKINSON
MARSHALL	RILEY
MORRIS	POTTAWATOMIE
NEMAHA	JACKSON
BROWN	ATCHISON
LEAVENWORTH*	WYANDOTTE *

In addition to emergency haying and grazing during the five principal growing months producers are also eligible for federal cost-share assistance under the Emergency Feed Program (EFP) and the Emergency Feed Assistance Program (EFAP).

Under EFP, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will provide assistance for up to one-half the cost of purchased feed, including hay, not to exceed 5 cents per pound (feed grain equivalent) to cover the producer's feed needs or feed loss, whichever is smaller.

Under EFAP, producers are eligible to purchase grain from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) at 50% of the average (posted) market price in a county.

Producers in Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties are eligible for emergency haying and grazing only.