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KANSAS AG PROJECTS TOTAL \$4.54 MILLION;
KSU WINS FUNDING FOR THROCKMORTON AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH;
JOINT PITTSBURG STATE/KSU RESEARCH PROJECT FUNDED;
RUSSELL GLUTEN PLANT ALSO FUNDED;

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that a major conference committee has approved funding for several major Kansas projects, including Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center and several research projects at Kansas State University, a joint KSU/Pittsburg State research project, and a gluten plant in Russell, KS. The FY 1992 Agriculture Appropriations bill, approved today by a Senate/House conference committee, heads to both Houses for final approval and then will be sent to President Bush for his signature.

"I'm pleased the committee has funded these important Kansas projects, including a significant investment in K-State's vital research projects. This additional funding will help us build on our state's great tradition as a leader in agriscience," said Dole.

THROCKMORTON PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER, K-STATE - \$1.57 MILLION

The committee agreed to fund \$1,570,000 for the federal government's share in construction of office and laboratory facilities. Preliminary planning and design work for the facility was completed in April, 1991. Bidding for contract work on the facility is slated to begin in October 1991.

"Kansas State University continues to excel with outstanding research facilities and highly qualified personnel. Throckmorton promises to be a state-of-the art research center, which will be an exciting addition to our state's tremendous educational base."

ETHANOL, PITTSBURG STATE/K-STATE - \$50,000

The committee agreed to fund a joint Pittsburg State University and Kansas State University study to determine the feasibility of establishing an ethanol fuels emissions testing laboratory.

"I'm also pleased that the committee agreed to fund research for ethanol-blended fuels. Kansas has the resources and the knowhow to play a critical role in developing these clean-burning fuels of the future," said Dole.

Kansas State University research projects approved by the committee today are:

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM - \$1.942 MILLION

\$1.942 million for a project that researches food safety. Kansas State University joins the University of Arkansas and Iowa State University in this project.

WHEAT GENETICS RESOURCE CENTER - \$159,000

Includes \$159,000 for Kansas State University-based center which focuses on national and international wheat improvement programs.

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ALFALFA - \$125,000

\$125,000 for an alfalfa research program at KSU. The program is developing new alfalfa varieties and improving the disease and insect resistance of existing varieties. It also services as a technical source of information for alfalfa producers.

GREAT PLAINS AGRICULTURE POLICY RESEARCH CENTER - \$100,000

\$100,000 to Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University to develop agriculture information programs for statewide use. The program will analyze and project the impact of alternative agriculture plans and policies for the Great Plains region.

CANOLA - \$100,000

\$100,000 for Kansas State University to develop new varieties of canola suitable for growing in Kansas.

INTERNATIONAL MEAT AND LIVESTOCK PROGRAM - \$94,000

\$94,000 for program designed to improve dairy industry training and sales in a variety of international settings. For example, a KSU dairy professor is working with Mexican dairy producers and a university to improve dairy calf rearing practices in Mexico.

GLUTEN PLANT, RUSSELL - \$400,000

\$400,000 was also included in the bill to fund a gluten plant in Russell, KS. AGCO, Inc., the City of Russell and Farmland, Inc. are jointly planning to build a wheat protein and starch modification facility in Russell. Plans indicate that the plant could create a new market for wheat throughout Western and Central Kansas. The funding will assist Russell with their portion of the cost of the project, estimated at \$5 million.

"As a major wheat-producing state, Kansas continues to look for ways to boost our economy -- and a wheat gluten plant could open up new markets for our farmers."

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