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DOLE PROPOSALS FOR KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOOD SAFETY
AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS WIN SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request to fund several major food safety and agriculture research projects involving Kansas State University won approval in the U.S. Senate today. The projects, also supported by Senator Nancy Kassebaum, are included in the 1996 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which now goes to a joint House/Senate committee to work out differences with legislation passed in the House.

"Kansas State University is a national leader in agriculture research," Dole said. "These innovative projects supply vital information and materials to the agriculture community. With that knowledge, producers can provide a safe, inexpensive, and plentiful food supply to the American consumer."

FOOD SAFETY CONSORTIUM -- \$1.743 MILLION

\$ 1.743 million funding for a project which investigates animal handling practices and pathogen detection systems which prevent contamination at the live animal stage.

FOOD SAFETY RESEARCH -- \$212,000

\$ 212,000 for Kansas State University to research the concerns of the livestock and meat industry, the Food Safety Inspection Service, and the Agricultural Research Service. Special attention will be given to developing rapid techniques for detecting and tracing contaminated meat.

WHEAT GENETICS RESEARCH -- \$176,000

\$ 176,000 for Kansas State University-based Wheat Genetics Resource Center. The center specializes in developing new wheat varieties and improving resistance techniques against common insects and diseases which destroy crops.

ALFALFA RESEARCH -- \$106,000

\$ 106,000 for a project to develop new varieties of disease resistant alfalfa.

CANOLA RESEARCH -- \$85,000

\$ 85,000 for Kansas State University for continued development of new varieties of canola suitable for growing in Kansas.

WATER CONSERVATION RESEARCH -- \$79,000

\$ 79,000 for Kansas State University to research water conservation techniques. The program will examine the efficiency in water use and management.

REGIONAL CANOLA -- \$500,000

\$ 500,000 for research and development of canola varieties to improve growth, yield, and pest resistance.

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