## Farm Bureau applaudes foreign purchase allocations

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressional action mandating the government to use at least \$500 allion next year to directly finance foreign purchases of U.S. farm commodities is "significant because it shows America's farmers and ranchers that someone is serious about helping to revive the farm economy," American Farm Bureau Federation President Robert Delano said last Thursday.

The farm leader was commenting on a provision in the fiscal 1983 agriculture appropriations measure passed by the Senate yesterday and the House last week. It differs from current policy by providing direct loans from Commodity Credit Corporation, at

rates slightly above the government's cost of money, instead of government-guaranteed loans financed by private banks, which is now the case.

"One of our current problems has been the high interest rates our trading partners must pay for our commodities," Delano said. "Of the \$2.8 billion budgeted this year for guaranteed loans, only half has been used, partly because interest costs have been prohibitive."

Delano said the direct loans and the \$175-190 million authorized by the 1983 budget reconciliation act for interest "buydowns" were "but a few of the many things needed to move this nation's abundance into world markets." Also needed, he said, are direct export subsidies to compat unfair foreign trade practices. He applauded press reports saying that Undersecretary of Agriculture Seeley Lodwick has called for the government to begin subsidizing

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"U.S. farmers are extremely upset—and are becoming militant—over European Community efforts to capture markets from traditional suppliers through

the extensive use of export subsidies," he said. "Farm Bureau broke with the past when it endorsed retaliation against those nations that use subsides, but now we just have to counter their stealing our markets."





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