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### **DE LA GARZA: USDA APPROPRIATIONS BILL SIGNED, INCLUDES FUNDING FOR SOUTH TEXAS**

For immediate release, Friday, October 22, 1993

WASHINGTON -- Expansion of clean water services to area colonias and regional-based agricultural research are among the benefits South Texas will receive under the Fiscal 1994 Agriculture Appropriations bill signed into law Thursday by President Clinton, said Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas.

"I am very pleased these projects will be funded for the coming fiscal year. All of these projects had to pass the scrutiny of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. These are projects that will benefit our communities and the agricultural economy for years to come," said Rep. de la Garza.

Colonia water projects -- Sets aside \$25 million in USDA's water and wastewater program for grant funding of projects to serve colonias along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Weslaco Subtropical Agriculture Research Lab -- Provides \$1.4 million for the construction of USDA's new facility in Weslaco.

Alternative crops for arid lands -- Includes \$100,000 for continued research on prickly pear and mesquite currently being done at Texas A&I University.

Center for North American Studies -- Provides \$100,000 for the establishment of an academic center for the study of agriculture-related North American issues as part of the Texas A&M University System.

Wool and mohair -- The House and Senate adopted a de la Garza amendment to provide full funding of incentive payments to producers for wool and mohair marketed during 1993. Congress also approved a separate authorizing measure (S. 1548), supported by de la Garza, that provides for a subsequent two-year phaseout of payments and termination of the current wool and mohair program.

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