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## **HEARING SLATED TO REVIEW OILSEED TRADE AND MARKETING ISSUES**

For immediate release, Wednesday, June 9, 1993

WASHINGTON -- Oilseed trade and marketing issues will be the subject of a joint hearing before the House Agriculture Subcommittees on Foreign Agriculture and Hunger, and General Farm Commodities according to Subcommittee Chairmen Tim Penny, D-Minn., and Tim Johnson, D-S.D.

Testimony is expected at the hearing on the amount of vegetable oil being sold under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) export programs; the status of the Blair House Agreement and the European Community's compliance with it; possible effects of the Uruguay Round negotiations on the U.S. oilseed sector; possible North American Free Trade Agreement effects on U.S. oilseeds, and how the United States will deal with the marketing of oilseeds and vegetable oil should current trade negotiations fail.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 22, beginning at 9:30 a. m., in room 1300 of the Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Foreign Agriculture and Hunger Subcommittee Chairman Penny said: "It is critical for the U.S. to coordinate domestic oilseed policy with the future demands and needs of our overseas customers. This hearing is the beginning of these coordination efforts."

General Farm Commodities Subcommittee Chairman Johnson added: "U. S. oilseed producers and the domestic processing industry have a great deal to gain from liberalized world trade. I'm looking forward to hearing what the industry and the Administration are doing to maximize the United States' competitive advantage in this area."

Persons wishing additional information concerning the hearing should contact Jane Shey or Anne Simmons at 202-225-2171.