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NUTRITION RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO BE PROBED

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WASHINGTON -- Nutrition research and education activities and the interconnection between those activities will be the subject of a hearing before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations and Nutrition, announced Subcommittee Chairman Charles Stenholm, D-Texas.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in room 1300 of the Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

"This hearing will help us focus on the linkages between food production, nutrition and human health. Whether to prevent low birthweight babies through adequate prenatal nutrition, osteoporosis in the elderly through adequate calcium intake, or numerous other medical conditions, it is essential for Americans to be well educated about potential benefits of our luxurious food supply and the importance of a well-balanced and nutritious diet. This hearing will explore how well the results of nutrition research are communicated to consumers," said Stenholm.

The Subcommittee has scheduled as witnesses a wide range of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials, nutrition researchers and educators, clinical nutritionists, and representatives of the medical community. Others may submit written testimony for inclusion in the public record of the hearing.

Subcommittee Ranking Minority Member Bob Smith, R-Ore., said: I am pleased that the Subcommittee will be looking at the relationship between the food we eat and our health. The United States has the most efficient food production system in the world, and our farmers provide the basis for such an exemplary system. Consumers reap the benefits through a wide variety of healthy, low-cost food. Our hearing will focus on research and education efforts that can help consumers make sound dietary decisions that contribute to a healthy diet comprised of a wide variety of foods."

For additional information concerning the hearing, contact Mike Westendorf or Julie Paradis at 202-225-2171.