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## **SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL OF LITTLE-KNOWN CROPS TO FIGHT HUNGER AND IMPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD**

For immediate release, Tuesday, June 7, 1994

WASHINGTON -- The potential of little-known or ancient crops in addressing hunger and economic needs will be the subject of a hearing before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Foreign Agriculture and Hunger, according to Subcommittee Chairman Tim Penny, D-Minnesota.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 9, 1994, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 1302 of the Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

"In order to deal with burgeoning world population, we must do a more efficient job of utilizing all the plant and animal resources available to us. For instance, of the over 20,000 plant species with edible parts, we currently commercially produce only about one-hundred," Rep. Penny said. "Improving our ability to efficiently utilize all agricultural resources will lead to both enhanced food security for the poor and new markets for commercial farmers."

The hearing will provide discussions on research and development of these crops as well as challenges they face in production and market development. Economic and other benefits to both foreign and U.S. interests will also be explored.

The hearing will feature testimony from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Agency for International Development as well as other experts in the fields of research, production and market development.

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