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Media Advisory

SECRETARY GLICKMAN TO TRAVEL TO NEW MEXICO FOR FARM FORUM

WASHINGTON, April 1, 1998--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman will travel to Las Cruces, New Mexico on Tuesday, April 7, to meet with farmers about issues affecting production agriculture.

"It's been just over a year since we implemented the 96 Farm bill -- and the historic changes it brought to production agriculture. I believe this is an ideal time to meet with farmers and ranchers across the country and get their views on how the new program is working," Glickman said.

Prior to the forum, Glickman will visit the John Tomlin farm located north of Las Cruces. This farm visit, at 8:45 a.m., is open to the media. Reporters may call Ernie Watson, (505) 761-4951, for additional information and directions.

The Farm Forum will be held at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The forum will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m. There will be a media availability at the museum immediately following the forum.

Other USDA officials attending the forum include Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Jim Lyons, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics Miley Gonzalez, and Farm Service Administrator Keith Kelly.

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