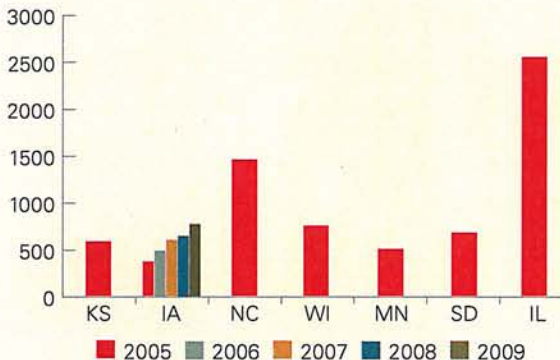


Restoring the \$4 Million Direct Recurring Appropriation to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) at Iowa State University is Necessary and Justified

State Dollars Allocated to VDLs Per
Million Dollars of Value in Animal Agriculture
(Assumes no increase in funding for peer state VDLs)



- 2005 Iowa Legislature mandated a comparative study of six other VDLs.
- Study results: ISU VDL was substantially underfunded compared to peers; more heavily reliant on fees.
- In 2006-2009, the Iowa Legislature addressed this need through a \$2.9 million General Fund appropriation to Ag & Natural Resources and \$916,680 to Education Appropriations for the ISU VDL.
- Due to reversions and cuts, the ISU VDL appropriation has never reached the \$4 million target. Assuming the 10% reversion becomes permanent, \$555,706 is needed to restore funding to the \$4 million level necessary to sustain the VDL.
- This funding has a direct, major impact on Iowa animal agriculture and a substantial return on investment for Iowa.

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

- Iowa's only public veterinary diagnostic laboratory (VDL)
- Iowa's only VDL accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
- Processes 40,000 – 50,000 cases from livestock producers annually
- Conducts more than 1 million tests annually
- Provides timely, comprehensive, high quality diagnoses for diseases and toxicoses

Restoring the \$4 Million Direct Appropriation is Necessary to...

- Continue to provide unbiased, critical diagnostic services to meet the needs of Iowa animal owners
- Position Iowa to continue to participate in national animal health networks and surveillance programs for domestic diseases
- Be prepared to detect and quickly respond to introduction of a foreign animal disease
- Provide the research infrastructure to be the leader in food animal diagnostic medicine
- Position Iowa as a leader in establishing best practices for safe and profitable food production

Justified based on the importance of Iowa's \$9 billion animal agriculture industry.

A 1% production increase = \$90 million impact!