

# The Multiplier Effect

Since 2015, the \$1 million investment of ILHAC research dollars has generated \$11.1 million in additional livestock research funding from outside sources.

## *Current projects include:*

- **Investigating the epidemiology of *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* and its role in respiratory disease in turkeys**
- **Developing the next generation of affordable diagnostics for livestock**
- **Assessing the health impacts of BVD virus on weaned calves**
- **Development of a Senecavirus A vaccine**
- **Evaluating the efficacy of commercial PRRSV MLV vaccines for weaned pigs**



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*The Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council (ILHAC) was created in 1977 to strengthen Iowa's animal-agriculture industry as a cooperative effort between Iowa livestock industry stakeholders, the State of Iowa, and the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. ILHAC is funded through Agriculture Appropriations.*

# ILHAC: ADVANCING IOWA ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

The ILHAC line-item funding in Agriculture Appropriations (Referred to as “Livestock Disease Research” in the Iowa budget) has remained at \$170,390 for many years, while Iowa’s livestock production industry has grown substantially. ILHAC-funded research grants provide seed money to advance the health, well-being and profitability of Iowa’s \$32.6 billion-dollar livestock production industry. Research priorities are set by producers each year based on current challenges. Modest increases in this line-item funding can lead to high-impact outcomes in animal health and welfare, food safety, and trade and economic viability.

