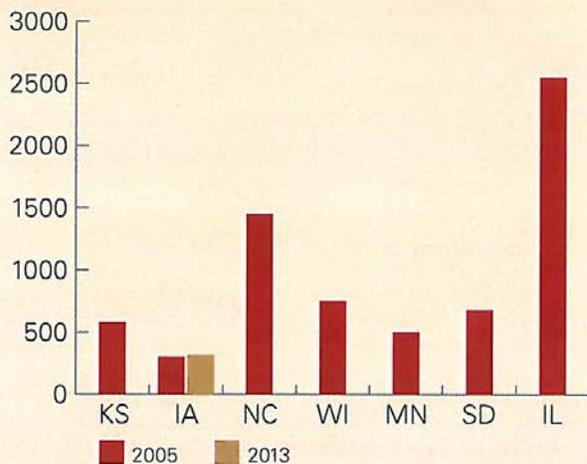


The \$4 Million Direct Recurring Appropriation to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) at Iowa State University is Necessary and Justified

State Dollars Allocated to VDLs Per Million Dollars of Value in Animal Agriculture



- 2005 Iowa Legislature mandated a comparative study of six other VDLs
- Study results: ISU VDL was substantially underfunded compared to peers and more heavily reliant on fees
- From 2006-2013, the Iowa Legislature addressed this need through a \$3.76 million General Fund appropriation to Ag and Natural Resources
- The ISU VDL appropriation has never reached the \$4 million target
- \$237,364 is needed to reach the \$4 million level necessary to sustain the VDL
- This funding has a direct, major impact on Iowa's \$12.5 billion animal-agriculture industry and a substantial return on investment for Iowa

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State University

- Iowa's only public veterinary diagnostic laboratory (VDL) and only VDL accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
- Value of Iowa animal agriculture has doubled and ISU VDL caseload has more than doubled since 2005
- Annually processes 50,000 to 60,000 cases and conducts about 1.5 million tests each year
- Provides timely, comprehensive, high-quality diagnoses for diseases and toxicoses

The \$4 million direct appropriation is necessary to ...

- Continue to provide unbiased, critical diagnostic services to meet the needs of Iowa animal owners and consumers
- 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 transboundary (2013 PED virus in pigs) or foreign animal disease
- Provide the research infrastructure to be the nation's leader in food-animal diagnostic medicine
- Preserve and continue to grow Iowa's access to export markets: ~27% of U.S. pork and ~13% of U.S. beef is exported

Justified based on the importance of Iowa's \$12.5 billion animal-agriculture industry
A 1% increase in on-farm production = \$125 million impact for Iowa