

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

- Iowa's only public veterinary diagnostic laboratory
- Accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
- 40,000 to 50,000 annual submissions from veterinary practitioners working directly with Iowa livestock producers
- More than 1.2 million tests conducted per year - generating between 40,000 and 50,000 medical diagnoses

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

- Meet critical diagnostic service needs of Iowa animal owners
- Participate in national animal health networks and surveillance plans
- Be ready to detect and respond to introduction of a foreign animal disease
- Provide the research infrastructure to be a leader in 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 nearly \$8 billion animal agriculture industry.