

The Multiplier Effect

Every \$1 of ILHAC research dollars generates approximately \$10.00 in additional research funding from outside sources.

Current projects include:

- **New diagnostic tests for *Tritrichomonas foetus*, a venereal diseases in cattle**
- **Novel vaccines against caseous lymphadenitis in sheep and goats**
- **Investigating causes of “False Layer Syndrome” in hens**
- **Understanding the immune response of pigs to Seneca Valley Virus**
- **Novel diagnostic assays for Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)**



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.

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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.

