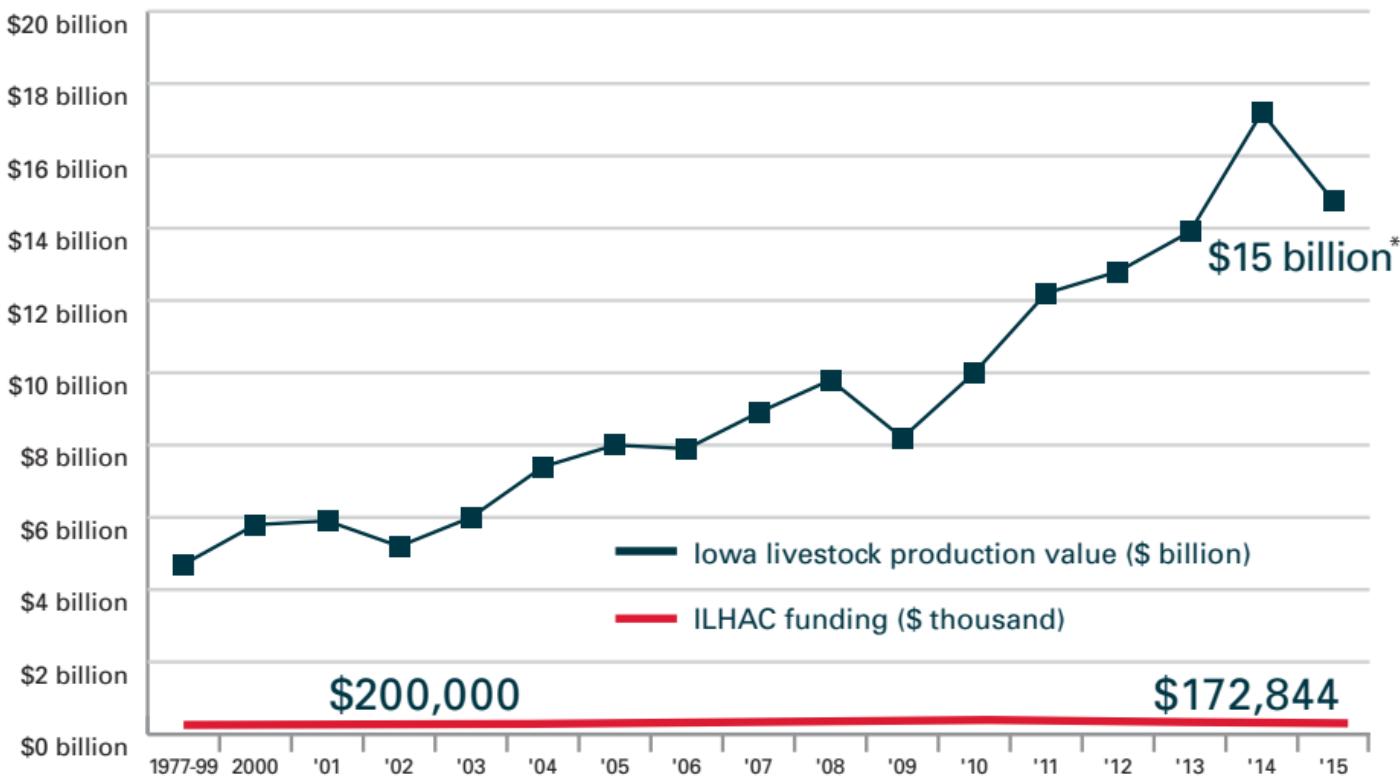


Animal Health research funding through the **Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council**
has not kept pace with Iowa's growing \$15 billion animal-agriculture industry



*Source: USDA Economic Research Service Farm Income and Wealth Statistics

Importance of Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council Funding

- ILHAC is a cooperative effort between Iowa livestock industry stakeholders, the State of Iowa and the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.
- ILHAC was created in 1977 to strengthen Iowa's animal-agriculture industry. Since then, ILHAC funding has decreased 14% whereas the value of Iowa animal agriculture has increased almost 400%.
- Only 1 in 5 proposals submitted to ILHAC are funded due to diminishing funding levels.
- ILHAC is funded through Education Appropriations. This line item provides critically needed "seed money" resulting in an additional \$10 million in externally funded research dollars to the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine over the past decade for high-impact, producer-prioritized research, including emerging livestock diseases.
- ILHAC funds are applied to research projects that advance knowledge of animal health, food safety and animal well-being in Iowa livestock.
- Recently funded projects include studying ways to better prevent and control PED and PRRS in pigs; *E.coli* and *Clostridium spp* in poultry; and lameness, respiratory disease, and pinkeye in beef and dairy cattle.

From 2009-2016, every \$1 in ILHAC funding to Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine generated \$11.63 in outside funding.

Increasing Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council funding by \$3,457 is necessary to continue current and begin new health, well-being and food safety research benefitting Iowans and the state's livestock industry.