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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:00 a.m. on February 8, 1995 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Quorum was present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes  
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Ronald J. Marler, DVM, Ph.D., Dean College of Veterinary Medicine

Others attending: See attached list

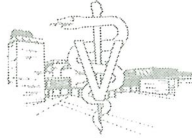
Chairperson Corbin ask for bill request, and none were made. Dr. Marler was called on to report on the programs and the research that is going on at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Marler reported that the faculty at the Center of Excellence for Animal Health and Management are committed to conducting research that addresses food safety concerns. He stated veterinarians are unique in that they are the only health professionals involved at all stages of food production. They have teams conducting research to improve investigation procedures and to prevent illness related to food (Attachment 1).

Dr. Marler responded to questions concerning an agreement they have with the University of Nebraska to accept 25 students each year into the school of Veterinary Medicine. He responded to many questions regarding food borne illness.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 1995.





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**THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ANIMAL  
HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT**

**Priorities for the Center of Excellence for Animal Health  
and Management**

The faculty at the Center of Excellence for Animal Health and Management are committed to conducting research that addresses food safety concerns. Veterinarians are the only health professionals involved at all stages of food production and preparation and our faculty will participate in multidisciplinary teams that conduct research designed to improve investigation procedures and prevent food borne illness.

**Preharvest food safety programs should address:**

1. Diagnosis - better diagnostic tests.
2. Epidemiology - development of good surveillance systems.
3. Characterization of the causative agents - identify micro-organisms with unusual or unique properties.
4. Ecology - locate and eliminate causative organisms from their reservoirs.
5. Intervention - vaccination, sanitary practices, altered management practices, etc.

**Research Imperatives:**

1. Improved tests to easily detect causative agents for physicians and veterinarians.
2. Acquire more basic information on the ecology and pathogenic characteristics of causative micro-organisms.
3. Develop interventional strategies for causative agents.

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Attachment 1*