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# Perspectives



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## Message from President Kirk Schulz and Vice President for Research Ron Trewyn



Welcome to the first issue of our new research magazine. This inaugural issue focuses on the Biosecurity Research Institute and the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility. The Department of Homeland Security's selection of Manhattan and K-State as home to the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility impacts the university, the community, and the state in a myriad of positive ways.

In announcing the decision by the Department of Homeland Security to build the nation's premier laboratory for plant and animal disease research, U.S. Senator Pat Roberts said DHS was making one of the most significant investments in the Kansas economy in state history. He noted that Kansas will cement its reputation as the nation's leader in plant and animal health research and the biosciences. And Kansans will reap the benefits of a cutting-edge industry while protecting the nation's food supply and agricultural economy for years to come.

K-State also gains from the exceptionally talented scientists who will work at the NBAF, many of whom will become adjunct faculty members. The Manhattan community already is benefiting from NBAF with national chains frequently contacting the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to discuss locating stores in the city.



The BRI is a key component in K-State's goal to be recognized as one of the nation's Top 50 Public Research Universities by 2025. The university's work in the biosciences and animal health will be a key factor as K-State moves upward to new heights of achievement.

We invite you to read about how Kansas State University is making a difference by ensuring the safety of our nation's food supply.

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