

\$1,791,000 earmark for Swine Odor and Manure Management Research

The FY 2009 Omnibus provides \$1,791,000 earmark for the Swine Odor and Manure Management Research Center located on the Iowa State University campus in Ames, IA. The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the nearly \$2 million earmark going toward animal odor research.

One Of The Main Focuses Of the Swine Odor and Manure Management Research Center Is To Reduce Odor Production.

YEAR	FUNDING
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According to an Iowa state press release, from April 22, 1999, "The federal government built the National Swine Research and Information Center to bring together in a single facility research on pork industry problems, such as **odor**, water quality impact, animal health and worker

safety."¹

Below is a more technical description of the research, taken from the USDA's web site:

"The research program goals include: map, characterize and alter the in situ microflora (through diet manipulation) of the gastrointestinal tract to reduce odor production and improve nutrient utilization; determine the effect of alternative diet formulations on nutrient excretion and odor generation from manure storage facilities while optimizing animal performance and carcass characteristics..."²

In short, this earmark is \$1.7 million to take the stink out of manure.

Since FY1999 Over \$17 Million in Federal Funds Have Been Directed To Swine Odor and Manure Management In Ames, Iowa

¹ Iowa State Press Release. 4-22-1999 ISU, ARS TO JOINTLY OPERATE SWINE RESEARCH CENTER
<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~nscentral/releases/99/apr/ars.html>

² USDA, Agriculture Research Service <http://www.ars.usda.gov/AboutUs/AboutUs.htm?modecode=36-25-15-20>

FY1999	\$1,174,000
FY2000	\$1,446,000
FY2001	\$1,461,000
FY2002	\$1,862,000
FY2003	\$1,891,000
FY2004	\$1,891,000
FY2005	\$1,913,000
FY2006	\$1,913,000
FY2007	\$1,921,000
FY2008	\$1,907,000

Total = \$17,397,000³

Background On The Swine Odor and Manure Management Research Center

According to an Iowa state press release, from April 22, 1999:

“Iowa State University (ISU) and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have agreed to jointly operate the \$9.6 million National Swine Research and Information Center.

“The 52,000-square-foot building was completed in 1998. ARS is the chief scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“The 20-year agreement insures that the new facility, located on the ISU campus, will be used for its original purpose -- research on pork industry issues.”⁴

³ Email Correspondence Between Senator Coburn’s Staff And The Congressional Liaison for the Agriculture Research Service. 02/27/2009. 3:32 p.m.

⁴ Iowa State Press Release. 4-22-1999 ISU, ARS TO JOINTLY OPERATE SWINE RESEARCH CENTER
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