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Kansas: Protecting America's Dinner Table

Opponents of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) recently have presented a number of fallacies and labeled them as facts.

We'd like to clear up the misconceptions.

- Lyme disease and West Nile virus have not been released from the Plum Island Animal Disease Center.
- Vaccines for several strains of foot and mouth disease already have been developed, and even better vaccines are expected in the next two years, before the NBAF could be constructed and built in Manhattan.
- The NBAF selection process has been underway for several years, with extensive and in-depth information provided to the public throughout, and with many opportunities for community input and questions.
- Modern biocontainment facilities and stringent biosafety procedures allow for safe and secure research regardless of location. The Centers for Disease Control has been safely conducting disease research for decades in highly populated Atlanta, Georgia.

The truth is that Kansas has been selected as one of six finalists for this \$451-million federal research lab because we have the expertise and infrastructure to protect the nation's food supply and agriculture economy. With our deep agricultural heritage, Kansas is uniquely positioned to fulfill this urgent mission – on the merits.

- Kansas is already a renowned leader in animal-health research and development, with a remarkable concentration of both academic and industrial assets.
- Kansas offers world-class academic and research talent and is home of the state-of-the-art Biosecurity Research Institute.
- Kansas has established the gold standard in planning and preparedness for preventing the spread of animal diseases.
- Kansas understands why this facility is a top priority for the nation: We need to identify new ways to prevent and treat diseases that affect public health, animal health, and our food supply.

For more facts about the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility and why the NBAF belongs in Kansas, visit us at www.nbafinkansas.org.

