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\$2 million to a project that researches food safety. Kansas State University brings its extensive research on the beef industry to a partnership with the University of Arkansas and Iowa State University in this project.

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Includes \$149,000 for Kansas State University-based center which focuses on state-of-the-art genetic wheat improvement. Scientists at K-State have recently constructed the first working "road map" of wheat DNA.

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