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KANSAS AG PROJECTS TOTAL \$4.54 MILLION;
FUNDING FOR KSU'S THROCKMORTON AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS,
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THROCKMORTON PLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER, K-STATE - \$1.57 MILLION

\$1,570,000 for the federal government's share in construction of office and laboratory facilities. Preliminary planning and design work for the facility was completed in April, 1991. Bidding for contract work on the facility is slated to begin in October 1991.

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\$50,000 to fund a joint Pittsburg State University and Kansas State University study to determine the feasibility of establishing an ethanol fuels emissions testing laboratory.

Kansas State University research projects also approved are:

FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM - \$1.942 MILLION

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WHEAT GENETICS RESOURCE CENTER - \$159,000

\$159,000 for Kansas State University-based center which focuses on national and international wheat improvement programs.

ALFALFA - \$125,000

\$125,000 for an alfalfa research program at KSU. The program is developing new alfalfa varieties and improving the disease and insect resistance of existing varieties. It also services as a technical source of information for alfalfa producers.

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\$94,000 for program designed to improve dairy industry training and sales in a variety of international settings. For example, a KSU dairy professor is working with Mexican dairy producers and a university to improve dairy calf rearing practices in Mexico.

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