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This bill would appropriate \$600,000 of base funding to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for a grant to the University of Minnesota to develop a software tool or application through the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory that empowers veterinarians and producers to (1) understand the movement of unique pathogen strains in livestock and poultry production systems, (2) monitor antibiotic resistance, and (3) implement effective biosecurity measures that promote animal health and limit production losses. The base funding level for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019 would also be \$600,000 per year, for a total three-year appropriation of \$1,800,000.