

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Kenitra Hendrix, ADDL Director

2024 was another year of significant growth and progress for the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL). As detailed on page 2, our caseload increased by 11% from 2023 to 2024, reflecting the growing demand for our diagnostic services. The five most frequently requested tests in 2024 were Influenza PCR, Brucella serology, PRRS PCR, histopathology of surgical biopsies, and Turkey Coronavirus PCR. Additionally, a 35% increase in state funding was implemented in FY24, enabling us to expand our team and redirect fee-based revenue toward upgrading essential equipment.

A major milestone this year was the renaming of our West Lafayette facility as the **Willie M. Reed Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory** in honor of our Dean Emeritus, former ADDL pathologist, and assistant director. This tribute recognizes Dr. Reed's lasting impact on the laboratory and his dedication to advancing animal health and diagnostics.

### Advancing Our Strategic Priorities

#### ***Invest in a highly-skilled workforce and provide a stimulating and rewarding work environment.***

Management expert Dave Ulrich once said, "People are our greatest asset." I couldn't agree more. The ADDL team continues to provide high-quality, efficient services, delivering timely and accurate diagnostic results that inform treatment and management decisions. On pages 4 and 5, we highlight team members recognized for their outstanding contributions in 2024. Additionally, pages 7-10 feature publications authored by our faculty, staff, and residents, showcasing the ADDL's contributions to the scientific community.

This year, we introduced biannual "Lunch and Learn" sessions, where clients from the poultry and swine industries shared how our diagnostic results impact their operations. These sessions provided valuable insights for our staff, deepening their understanding of the industries we serve. To further support professional growth, we also launched regular supervisor meetings and training sessions.

#### ***Provide accurate and prompt Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) surveillance and response.***

We continue to strengthen our FAD surveillance and response efforts in collaboration with the [National Animal Health Laboratory Network \(NAHLN\)](#) to enhance preparedness for Avian Influenza Virus (AIV), African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV), and other emerging diseases. Our participation in proficiency testing (PT) programs ensures compliance with regulatory standards and keeps us at the forefront of FAD detection and response. In 2024, the ADDL worked closely with the [Indiana Board of Animal Health \(BOAH\)](#) on FAD investigations, providing prompt diagnostics to protect Indiana's animals. With H5N1 remaining a concern for avian species and recent spillover into the national dairy herd, ADDL tested approximately 10,000 samples for Avian Influenza.

#### ***Invest in state-of-the-art equipment and facilities***

Thanks to grant funding and service fee revenue, we tripled our molecular testing capacity, replaced outdated equipment, and acquired a state-of-the-art slide scanner to introduce digital pathology capabilities. These upgrades enhance diagnostic accuracy, efficiency, and overall service quality.

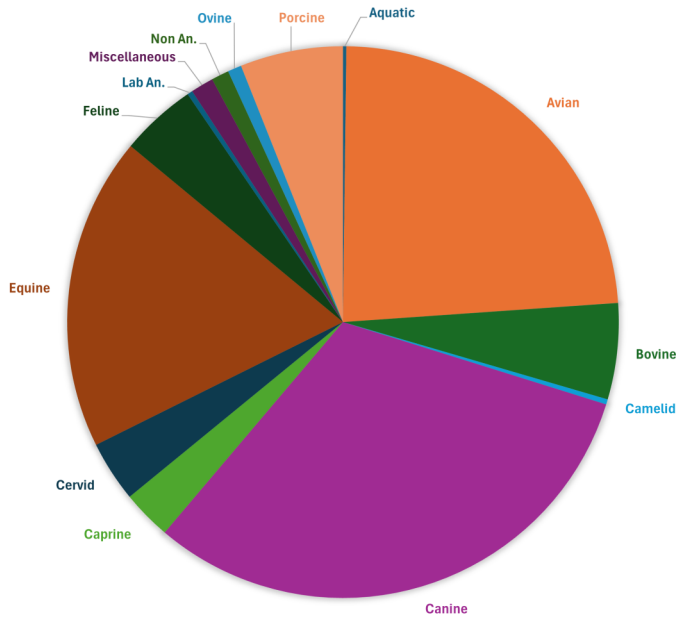
### **Looking Ahead to 2025**

The coming year promises continued innovation and growth. In 2025, we will launch a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), streamlining the client experience and improving data management after more than a year of careful evaluation. Additionally, the Reed Laboratory pathology floor renovation is scheduled to begin in May 2025. This project will be carefully managed to ensure minimal disruption to our diagnostic services.

We look forward to another year of progress and collaboration as we work together to advance animal health and diagnostics.

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**Accessions by Species**  
 (West Lafayette & Heeke combined)



**Tests by Calendar Year**

	2022	2023	2024
<b>WL ADDL</b>	108,480	112,148	127,543
<b>HEEKE</b>	31,753	41,458	54,523
<b>TOTAL</b>	140,233	153,606	182,066

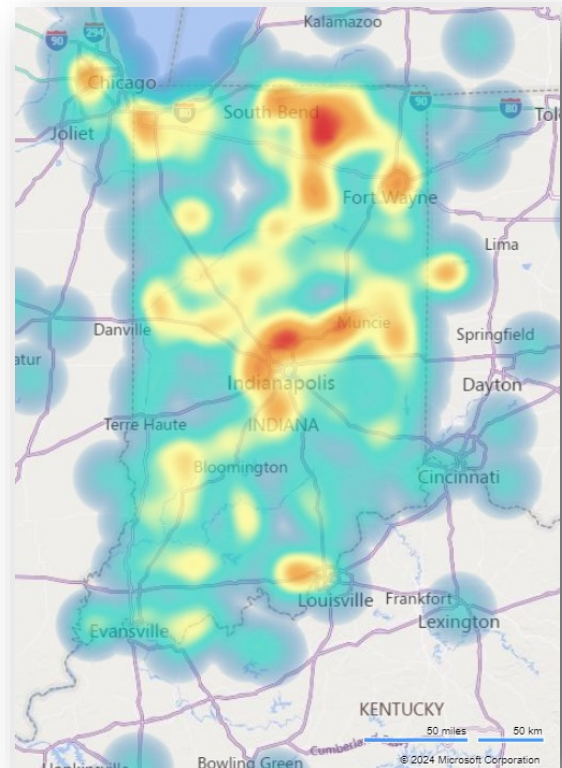
**Accessions by Calendar Year**

	2022	2023	2024
<b>WL ADDL</b>	27,607	28,238	31,360
<b>HEEKE</b>	1,871	2,151	2,423
<b>TOTAL</b>	29,478	30,389	33,783

### Measuring Impact

Consisting of both the Reed Laboratory in West Lafayette and the Heeke Laboratory in Southern Indiana, the ADDL supports animal agriculture in Indiana by partnering with Indiana’s State Board of Animal Health for both surveillance and outbreak testing, and foreign animal disease investigations including Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza testing in both birds and dairy cattle.

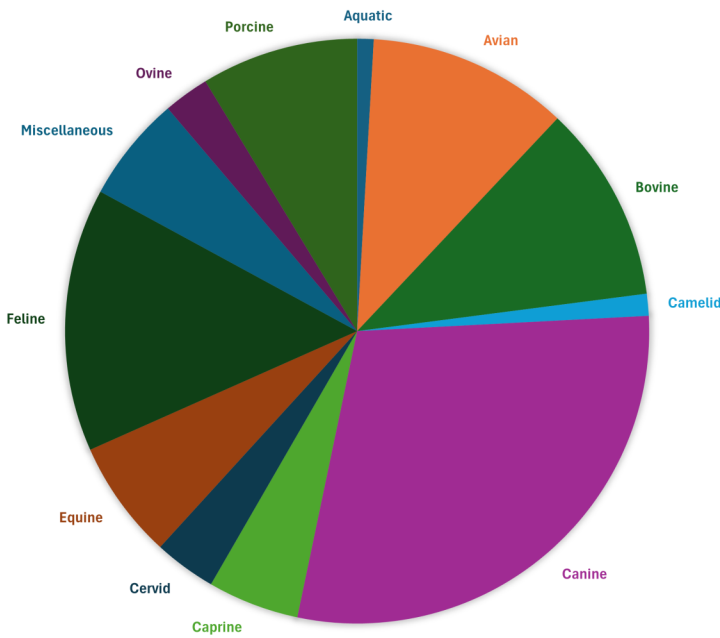
The heat density map depicts the geographical origin of samples that have been tested at the ADDL, which is fully accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostics (AAVLD) and serves as the official diagnostic laboratory for the State of Indiana.



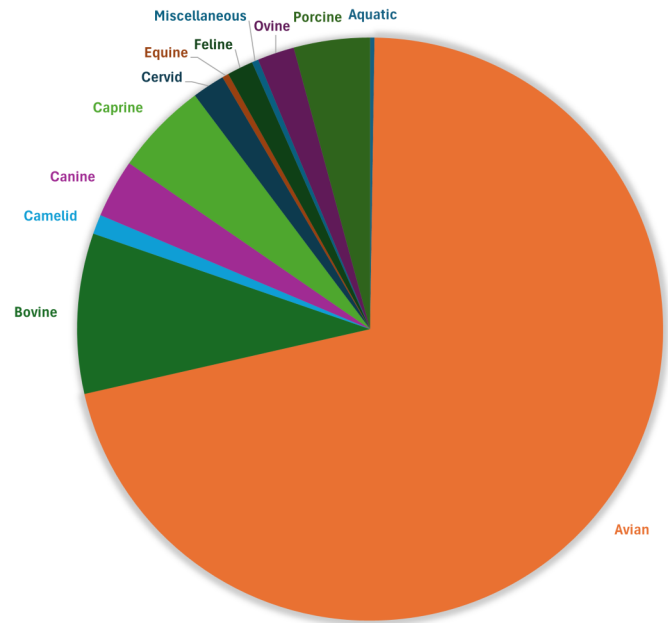
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### AUTOPSY (NECROPSY) CASE NUMBERS BY SPECIES

Reed (West Lafayette) - 2024



Heeke (Dubois) - 2024



### REVENUE SOURCES

Type of Revenue	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Fees	\$2,473,751.15	\$2,772,162.73	\$3,769,892.10
Grants	\$216,929.19	\$484,295.51	\$1,223,456.19
State Appropriations	\$3,711,516.00	\$3,711,516.00	\$5,000,000.00
Total	\$6,402,196.34	\$6,967,974.24	\$9,993,348.29

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*Seed for Success Acorn Award*

Dr. Kenitra Hendrix and Dr. Craig Bowen were honored with the Purdue Seed for Success Acorn Award. This award goes to Purdue employees who received grant funding of \$1 million or more. The ADDL, under Dr. Hendrix and Dr. Bowen, received \$1 million through the NAHLN ARP funding. This grant supported expansion and modernization of molecular diagnostic equipment, increasing the molecular laboratory’s testing capacity and strengthening our disease response capabilities.

*Promotions*

Clinical Professor

**Dr. Nobuko  
Wakamatsu  
Utsuki**



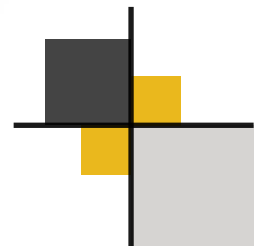
William Iverson

Associate Professor of  
Comparative Pathology

**Dr. Abigail Cox**



2024 AgSEED Recipient **Dr. Deepti Pillai** was awarded an AgSEED grant for her research project titled “Accelerating and Improving Antibiotic Selection for Farm Animal Treatment: A Novel Approach.”



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**BRAVO AWARD**

Congratulations to the following on receiving Bravo Awards in 2024!



Jaime Nichols, Farren Osborn, Abigail Props,  
Amber Furr, Aimee Highland, Anji Lee, Margie Veverka

Congratulations to Dr. Cassie Powers on receiving the H. Leon Thacker Fellowship Award for Outstanding Teaching and Diagnostic Performance in Veterinary Pathology.



**40 YEARS  
OF SERVICE**

**Elizabeth  
Baronowsky**



**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**Dr. Grant Burcham**

**Angie Chan**

**Meggan Drinski**



*2024 Outstanding  
Staff Award*

***Cristy Rice***



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Submission Forms

ADDL Submission forms are routinely updated with current test offerings. Please visit the Submission Form page of the website to ensure you are up-to-date.

ADDL Advisory Committee

The ADDL Advisory Committee serves the critical role of representing the interests of various sectors to the ADDL leadership. Thank you to the following individuals for their time and dedication to the ADDL.

John Baugh	College of Agriculture
Michelle Benavidez Westrich	IN Department of Natural Resources
Paul Brennan	Poultry,
Jenni Browning	American Dairy Association
Dr. Angela Hines	USDA/APHIS
Dr. Jake Jensen	Equine
Becky Joniskan	Indiana State Poultry Association
Dr. Greg Kurtz	Dairy, Beef Cattle
Dr. Ellen Lowery	Purdue Veterinary Hospital
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Megan Ritter	Indiana Farm Bureau
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Dr. Kyle Shipman	Indiana Board of Animal Health
Dr. Joel Sparks	Porcine,
Josh Trenary	Indiana Pork Producers

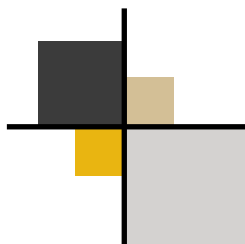
Online Results Portal

The online portal for web access to case reports has undergone several back-end changes to allow the IT developers to create new and exciting features for the future. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate any glitches that were not uncovered during beta testing. If you discover an issue while working in the portal, please email the lab and let us know.

How You Can Help

Help support our work! By giving to our ADDL programs, you will help us meet the most important and urgent needs affecting animal and human health. Having financial flexibility ensures that the ADDL can remain a front-runner in scientific knowledge and discovery as our world evolves. Make a gift today at [connect.purdue.edu/s/addlgifts](https://connect.purdue.edu/s/addlgifts). For more information, visit [vet.purdue.edu/addl/about-us.php](https://vet.purdue.edu/addl/about-us.php). Thank you!

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