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ADVISORY – TOMORROW – Beaver County – Shapiro Administration to Celebrate Opening of Keystone Animal Diagnostic Center at Penn State Beaver — \$6 Million Investment in Supporting Western Pennsylvania Farmers

Monaca, PA – Today, **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** and **Penn State University’s College of Agricultural Sciences Dean Dr. Troy Ott** will celebrate a milestone for Pennsylvania farmers, cutting the ribbon to open the Keystone Animal Diagnostic Center at Penn State University’s Beaver Campus.

Funded by a **\$6 million** investment from **Governor Josh Shapiro’s** bipartisan 2024-25 budget, the lab expands Pennsylvania’s capacity to respond to animal disease outbreaks, speeding diagnoses for farmers in the western part of the state, lowering their business costs, and helping protect their animals and investments.

WHO:

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding
Pennsylvania State Veterinarian Dr. Alex Hamberg
Penn State University’s College of Agricultural Sciences Dean Dr. Troy Ott
Penn State University Regional Chancellor Carey McDougall
Pennsylvania State Senator Elder Vogel
Pennsylvania State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski

WHEN: Thursday, April 16, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Michael Baker Building, Penn State Beaver Campus: 100 University Dr, Monaca, PA 15061

RSVP: Press interested in attending should RSVP to aginfo@pa.gov