

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be submitted under the authority of the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

This form must be used for Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each shortage situation. See the State Animal Health Official (SAHO) section of the VMLRP web site (www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp) for the number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Arizona Counties: Yavapai, Mohave and La Paz

Location of Veterinary Shortage:

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area; must be a logistically feasible veterinary practice service area)

Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III):

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage:

XX Moderate Priority

High Priority

Critical Priority

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty (Choose only one Type)

Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 80 percent time or 32 hr/week)

Must cover (check at least one)

- Beef Cattle
Dairy Cattle
Swine
Poultry
Small Ruminant
Other:

May cover

- Beef Cattle
Dairy Cattle
Swine
Poultry
Small Ruminant
Other:

XX Type II Shortage: Private Practice - Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30 percent time or 12 hr/week)

Must cover (check at least one)

- XX Beef Cattle
XX Dairy Cattle
Swine
Poultry
Small Ruminant
Other:

May cover

- Beef Cattle
Dairy Cattle
XX Swine
XX Poultry
XX Small Ruminant
Other:

Type III Shortage: Public Practice (awardee obligation: at least 49 percent time or 19.6 hr/week)

Employer: Position Title:

Please select one or more specialty/disciplinary areas:

- Food Safety
Public Health
Epidemiology
Other:

Please describe the **importance and objectives** of a veterinarian filling this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

This position will ensure food animal veterinary expertise is available for the farming and ranching region of west-central Arizona. Applicants for this position should be willing to provide veterinary service for the listed species in this region which includes private land, state trust range land, federal range land and tribal communities. This region contains the Hualapai, Havasupai and Colorado River Indian Reservations. Applicants should be aware of the disease risks and plant toxicities associated with the region and the increased health risks of international livestock, poultry and bird importation. The successful applicant will be offered training to become a member of the Arizona Livestock Incident Response Team (ALIRT). ALIRT veterinarians are trained and equipped as first responders to adverse livestock health events. The successful applicant must have Category II accreditation with the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services and be actively engaged in food animal practice a minimum of 12 hours per week (30%).

Please describe the **activities** of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The following activities are for range beef cow-calf practice servicing Arizona producers, the majority of which have spring calving cowherds. This work is seasonal mostly performed in the fall and spring months. Spring: assist with dystocia; consultation on cow herd, herd bull and calf immunization and parasite control strategies; herd bull fertility exams including collection of samples for trichomoniasis lab analysis; Fall: Pregnancy testing cows; administer immunizations and parasite control; official calf hood vaccination of heifer calves; health certification for interstate shipment. Dairy practice in the region is not as seasonal. Continuous activities focus on herd health and nutrition for the lactating herd and dry cows; herd bull management; calf rearing and managing replacement heifers; intensive management of calving intervals; immunization strategies; individual cow treatments; tuberculosis testing and brucellosis testing; health certification for interstate shipments; milk quality testing; official calf hood vaccination of heifer calves. Most of the swine, poultry and small ruminants in the region are owned by individuals that may request live animal exams, necropsies and diagnostics. Clinicians may be contracted to do work on the reservation or may be full time employees of the Tribal Nation. One public food animal livestock market is located in the region.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

The drought conditions in this area have reduced the food animal numbers in this region. An ALIRT veterinarian in practice in the region stated the region is pretty well covered as of now.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Maintaining disease free herds and flocks is critical to maintaining market access for live animals and consumer confidence in meat, milk and eggs. Accredited food animal practitioners are the key veterinarians that ensure the herd and flock health that allows for the sale of live animals and animal derived products in local, national and international markets. Public investment to reverse the trend of declining numbers of food animal veterinarians is supported by the food animal practitioners within Arizona. They realize the risk to herd and flock health, to the marketplace, to livestock welfare, and to food safety and security if their numbers continue to decline. Practitioners also realize the critical role of the Arizona Livestock Incident Response Team. Most recent NASS numbers reports 65,000 cattle in the region.

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type checked on Page 1, please specify the percent time in the box below (based on a 40-hour work week). Leave the box blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

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Minimum Service time required for each shortage type

Type I: 80 percent time or 32 hours/week

Type II: 30 percent time or 12 hours/week

Type III: 49 percent time or 19.6 hours/week

SAHO nominator must check both boxes below in order for NIFA to consider this nomination for official designation

XX By checking this box, I affirm that this form represents a nomination and is subject to NIFA review and approval.

XX By checking this box, I affirm that it is my professional opinion that this is a bona fide food supply or public health-related veterinary shortage situation. I affirm due diligence has been invested to identify this area as a shortage situation of at least moderate priority (severity).

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