

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

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Saint Lawrence County, New York
(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): Canton, NY
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: 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: _____

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)

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

May cover

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- 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).

Objectives: 1) Create a well-qualified pool of candidates from diverse backgrounds to serve as a private practice veterinarian delivering food animal veterinary service in Saint Lawrence County in New York State. 2) Help assure that talented students and graduates with aptitude for food animal practice are not prevented from serving due to financial constraints. 3) The person meeting this shortage situation will spend a minimum of 30% of their professional effort towards protecting the health of domestic livestock in food production.

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 veterinarian who responds to this shortage will help provide veterinary care in a county with a livestock population valued at approximately \$125,292,000, according to the 2007 NASS Census of Agriculture. There are approximately 69,612 cattle in the county. Milk and other dairy products from Saint Lawrence County generated approximately \$ 112,797,000 in 2007 and the county was ranked 46th out of 2,493 U.S. counties for value of milk production that year. The county covers approximately 2,821 square miles.

The AVMA (<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/Pages/Food-Supply-Veterinary-Medicine-New-York-maps.aspx>) indicates that there are 11 food animal veterinarians in the county, but some retirements may come soon and continuity of service will benefit with younger veterinarians coming into the area. We expect this veterinarian to dedicate at least 30% of his or her professional efforts to food animal health and productivity. One current food animal practitioner in the area has reported possibly having to leave food animal work for more lucrative companion animal practice in order to more easily repay student loans.

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).

This is the first organized effort to recruit food animal veterinarians that I am aware of in this county.

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).

Failure to alleviate the food animal veterinarian shortage in this area and other parts of New York may adversely impact individual animal health, human health, animal population health, animal well-being, and the economic viability of New York farms. Limited availability of veterinary care may lead to delayed treatment of injuries and medical conditions, lessens the likelihood of early detection of a serious animal disease outbreak, and leads to the early loss of valuable animals. Veterinarians play crucial roles in helping farms use antibiotics and other animal medications properly. Recent FDA Veterinary Feed Directives will require greater veterinary oversight of medications used on farms and frankly, I am concerned about where that oversight is going to come from. With such increased concerns over drug resistant bacteria and drug residues in food, the veterinarian will play a key role in food safety and consumer confidence. Furthermore, as federally and state funded animal health spending declines, the role of private practitioners in detecting and reporting serious diseases of livestock grows.

(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.

30%

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

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

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).

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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