

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 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: Summit, Morgan and Wasatch Counties, Utah
Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III): P.O. Box 269, Morgan, Utah 84050

Overall Priority of Shortage: X 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) and May cover sections with checkboxes for Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Poultry, Small Ruminant, and 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) and May cover sections with checkboxes for Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Poultry, Small Ruminant, and 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).

1. This is an area with large bands of sheep. There are better than 59,000 head of sheep that call this area home. There are also 42,000 head of cows primarily beef but some dairies.
2. Accreditation for the practicing veterinarian in order to address program disease needs of federal and state government. As an example, tuberculosis, trichomoniasis, and brucellosis program monitoring and testing.
3. Act as a professional resource to the community regarding zoonotic diseases especially endemic to Utah. (e.g., plague, hanta virus, hydatid disease)
4. Address the companion animal needs of the ranching and farming communities. Also address public health needs as related to animals in that area. (e.g., rabies, pet over population)
5. Peculiar to this area is the mink industry. Last year \$291,000,000 worth of pelts were harvested within the borders of these three counties

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).

We envision this veterinarian setting up a practice in Morgan, Utah which is well within the area where most of the livestock reside in these three counties. This veterinarian would base their practice from River Valley Veterinary Hospital. Because of the remote nature of ranches and farms in these counties, this practitioner would need to have a mobile clinic from which to practice from during farm and ranch calls. The fixed facility would be capable of addressing emergency small and large animal needs.

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).

Because of poor accessibility in this area, the ranchers and farmers are under served and are frequently pursuing methods of skirting the practice act so that they can perform procedures that veterinarians should be doing. The economy of Summit and Wasatch Counties are still in many aspects based on ranching. Any efforts to attract an additional veterinarian to this area have been unsuccessful because of the income needed to meet current student loan obligations of new graduates.

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).

Because of the veterinary shortage in this area, many food animal related issues have become problematic. As an example, in order for cattle to be shipped properly between states, certificates of veterinary inspection are needed to accompany the cattle. Due to the shortage of veterinarians, this is often overlooked and has become a challenge in regards to the monitoring of disease in this region. Also the scrapies program could be greatly facilitated with a private practitioner who had developed relationships with these large ranchers. The growth of the mink industry in this area has posed new challenges and needs for veterinary assistance.

(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

- 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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