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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: Glenn County (south and west) and Colusa County, California

(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): Williams or Willows, California

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

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)	**May cover**
❑ Beef Cattle	❑ Beef Cattle
❑ Dairy Cattle	❑ Dairy Cattle
❑ Swine	❑ Swine
❑ Poultry	❑ Poultry
❑ Small Ruminant	❑ Small Ruminant
❑ Other: _____	❑ Other: _____

X **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)	**May cover**
X Beef Cattle	❑ Beef Cattle
❑ Dairy Cattle	X Dairy Cattle
❑ Swine	❑ Swine
❑ Poultry	❑ Poultry
❑ Small Ruminant	X Small Ruminant
❑ Other: _____	❑ 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).

The livestock operations in this area require emergency, as well as preventive medicine services. Because of the remoteness of the area, a veterinarian serving the food animal needs in this area is likely to need to generate income from pet animal medicine. There are a few small animal practices in the area, however the two single-person mixed animal practices in Willows, California have been cognoscente of the food animal needs and have been trying to provide the service. Colusa County is 1,156 square miles with a population density of 16 people per square mile. Glenn County is 1,327 square miles with a population density of 21 people per square mile. Colusa County has 16,000 head of cattle (2008 estimate). Part of Glenn County is likely to be serviced by this position, although part of Glenn County has access to other veterinarians. Glenn County has 15,000 beef cows and 17,700 dairy cattle.

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 will provide on-call services to livestock operations in the area; therefore there will be significant travel involved. Services required on an emergency basis will range from calving dystocias to sudden rises in morbidity in a herd, to grass tetany, etc. Producers also require consultation regarding appropriate preventive programs, consultation on vaccination programs, pregnancy confirmation, and the like.

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).

Based on observations from the veterinarian in Willows, they have had difficulty recruiting because today the new graduates have to consider having a salary adequate enough to live on and to cover loan repayment costs as well. Also notable, he and the other veterinarian in Willows providing services to the community are both, in his words, "past retirement age."

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).

This region has a significant cow-calf population and without appropriate veterinary services there is an increased risk of diseased and/or improperly treated animals (antibiotic drug residues) entering the food chain. Additionally, it increases the risk of loss of production and of animals due to undetected or misdiagnosed diseases.

(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

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

X 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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