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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: Payette County Idaho
(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): New Plymouth, Idaho 83655
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: Moderate Priority

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty (select one) :

Type II: Private Practice - Rural Area, Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30% FTE or 12hr/week)

For Type I or II Private Practice:

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: _____

For Type III Public Practice:

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas:

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: _____

(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 above, 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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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 1500 characters).

Payette County Idaho consist of rural communities with strong ties to the agricultural community. It is imperative that the veterinary needs of dairies, cow-calf operations, and other animals be met with qualified veterinary services. There are currently two (2) veterinarians providing food animal veterinary services in this county and the county is home to nearly 67,000 head of food animals (NASS & AVMA).

The objectives of a food animal veterinarian in this area are to serve the variety of animals and operations that exist.
With a variety of clientele ranging from large dairy herds to the "backyard" sheep flock of only a few head, veterinarians must be willing and able to adapt to the needs of a unique and varied clientele. It is important that veterinary services remain available to all types of producers.

Rural Idaho practices with this type of diversity are finding it more difficult to attract new veterinarians with salaries that can meet the financial needs faced by recent graduates. The ability to attract and retain qualified veterinarians to fill the needs in this area is vitally important to the agricultural and economic stability of this region and Idaho.

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 1500 characteers or less).

Beef (cow/calf and feedlot) Herd Health and veterinary medical/surgical services.
Dairy Herd Health and veterinary medical/surgical services.
Sheep/Goat Herd Health, veterinary medical/surgical services
As this area is near Idaho's Designated Surveillance Area for brucellosis, veterinarians are intimately involved in brucellosis control activities ie; brucellosis vaccination, testing and education.
Idaho is a large dairy production state and veterinarians conduct TB/brucellosis testing regularly on dairies.

While an important aspect of the veterinarian's life is built around one's day-to-day practice, it is equally important to be involved in one's community. During the "business" part of the day, a rural mixed animal practitioner can be found providing a variety of veterinary services expected with a rural lifestyle. One may be pregnancy checking a cow one minute, providing birthing assistance to a ewe the next, and examining a sick alpaca the next, all the while diligently keeping watch for epidemiological veterinary health concerns.
The rural veterinary lifestyle does not end with the "work day". Many veterinarians serve on local community boards, are involved with civic groups, and are leaders in their communities. Service opportunities, both veterinary and non-veterinary, surround the rural veterinary lifestyle.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 750 characters or less).

Animal industry personnel and veterinarians have used the following measures in an attempt to attract and retain large animal veterinarians:
• Advertisements in professional magazines such as JAVMA and Bovine Practitioner
• Advertisements in State VMA newsletter and website
• Postings on job boards at veterinary meetings
• Networking within veterinary community, allied (pharmaceutical) and animal industry personnel
• Contacting veterinary schools
• Mentoring veterinary students

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 2000 characters or less).

The following are areas of potential concern / risks given the agricultural base of the community:

• Control of regulated diseases such as Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Trichomoniasis.
The necessity of vigilant surveillance and active prevention of such diseases is inherently obvious. Given the risk of reappearance of these diseases in Idaho; the need to protect from zoonotic disease and avert the economically devastating consequences of such diseases must be of priority.

• Public safety
Rural communities often “grow their own food source” Many residents are hobby farmers who raise small numbers of cattle, sheep and goats for home consumption. Providing adequate veterinary care for these animals is fundamental to the health of the rural Idaho family.

• Minimizing Disease Transmission
Beef management practices in Idaho necessitate grazing of cattle on public range lands. Although this practice is fundamental to the producer’s viability, it allows for commingling of cattle and potential for disease transmission. Providing access to qualified veterinary care and diligent surveillance programs will minimize this risk.

With the aging of the current food animal veterinary workforce, it is critical that we take steps to maintain the availability of qualified food animal veterinarians in this area into the future.

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).

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