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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: Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble Counties
(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): Interstate 77 & Interstate 70, Cambridge, OH 43725
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: High 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.

☐ %

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).

Of the 50 states, Ohio ranks 34th in land size in the U.S. but ranks 17th in agricultural income thus illustrating the importance of Ohio to agriculture. Ohio ranks 2nd in egg production, 9th in turkeys; 16th in broilers; 6th in horse; 8th in pork; 11th in dairy; 14th in sheep and goats, and 25th in cattle. Veterinarians in this underserved area are vital to the protection of Ohio's livestock and poultry industry for the early detection of any abnormal animal disease occurrence. Veterinarians coming to this area would aide in improving the economic viability of the area through additional employment. The nominated area has 133,900 food animals, primarily on small farms. According to the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association data, the area is currently being served by 2 food animal and 8 mixed animal veterinarians with Noble County having zero veterinarians. Data analysis by the Center for Animal Health in Appalachia and the American Veterinary Association indicates the need for additional food animal veterinarians in Monroe and Noble Counties which have zero food animal veterinarians. Monroe, Muskingum and Noble Counties have a total food animal inventory of 27,300 being served by 1 food animal and 3 mixed practice veterinarians. Muskingum County has one livestock market. There is one livestock market in Noble County with zero food animal veterinarians. Belmont, Guernsey and Muskingum Counties have the most aging veterinarians in the application area.

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).

This veterinarian would most likely join a large animal or mixed animal practice to provide diagnostic and surgical services to food animal producers as well as caring for small animals. In addition to caring for sick animals, the veterinarian would serve as a source of information on herd health, to 4H and FFA members, an early identifier of potential zoonotic diseases and foreign animal diseases (FAD), and make contributions to the community. There is an increasing sheep inventory in the Appalachian area of Ohio. The veterinarians would be an advocate for agriculture to the consuming public. Another aspect is the need to be federally accredited for the purposes of livestock movement, due to proximity to the state border and markets in the area, and involvement in disease control programs. The implementation of the animal disease traceability program (ADT) creates an additional veterinary service to provide to the livestock and pet owning public. With the new veterinary feed directive (VFD) initiative, there is a greater need for the establishment of a veterinary client patient relationship (VCPR) in these areas with minimal veterinary service.

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).

Past efforts have involved actively seeking vets, vet students and pre-vet students interested in food animal medicine and advising them of the opportunities available by serving in underrepresented areas. There is a greater number of mixed animal vets than food animal vets in the application area whose practices are most probably 80% small animal. The State Animal Health Official's office has been contacted by one recent graduate vet practicing primarily food animal medicine in this underserved area. One vet in Belmont County is near retirement. Further, we intend to provide easy access to conferences and workshops devoted specifically to food animal practitioners to help insure their success both economically and professionally.

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).

Without adequate veterinary resources readily available, these counties could serve as an incubator for very serious, highly infectious and contagious diseases including zoonotic diseases. Further, the lack of veterinary resources exacerbates the problems associated with the implementation of the one health initiative including zoonotic diseases. Finally, small producers, and other citizens of these counties deserve for their animals adequate and meaningful access to veterinary care.

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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