

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: Northern 75% of Osage County, Oklahoma and Western half of Kay County, Oklahoma
(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): Pawhuska in Osage County, Oklahoma
(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).

There are 166,000 beef cattle, 60,000 beef cows, 300 sows, and 2,500 sheep and goats in this rural area of 40,000 people. There are 1,500 farms and ranches in the area. The objectives of a veterinarian in this area will be to provide service to the livestock producers in the area as well as provide needed services to companion animals and equines. A veterinarian is expected to devote at least 60% of his/her time to practicing food animal medicine. There are four veterinarians in the area who do some food animal work. All of them do some companion animal and equine work as well. Only two of the veterinarians do a significant amount of food animal work. The successful applicant for this position must be willing to become a part of the community and work with youth organizations such as 4-H and FFA.

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).

This county consists of mostly cow/calf and stocker beef operations. The food animal medicine is steady year around with peak activity in the fall and spring. Most of the swine work is with show swine and show swine breeding operations. Small ruminants are a significant portion of the food animal population. There are several small poultry operations that require some veterinary service. There are needs for equine, exotics, and companion animals in the area and this person is expected to help fill those needs. This is a large area a veterinarian doing food animal work will be required to do some mobile work.

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).

Two of the veterinarians in the area did a significant amount of food animal work in the past but due to age they have become more involved in companion animal practice. One of the veterinarians does only companion animal and equine work. There is a population center of approximately 35,000 people within 25 miles in one directions and Tulsa with approximately 380,000 people is 55 miles away to provide opportunities for dining and entertainment. There are several veterinarians in those centers to provide mentoring to a young veterinarian 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).

The initial consequence of the position not being filled is that the livestock population and the producers will be underserved. General herd health will suffer and producers will have a more difficult time being profitable. Producers will have to transport their animals farther or pay more to have out of the area veterinarians to come to their premise. More far reaching and potentially more dangerous consequences are not having a veterinarian in the local area as the first line of defense to diagnose and report foreign animal diseases and/or zoonotic diseases that could have a detrimental impact on the health and economy of the area and possibly the entire state and the nation. A practicing veterinarian in local areas is a point of contact for state and federal animal health officials and is a valuable liaison between animal health officials and the livestock producers.

(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.

60%

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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