

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: SC Pee Dee Region – 9 contiguous counties (Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, & Sumter)
(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): Intersection of I-20 & I-95 (Nearest town Florence, SC 29506)
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: Critical 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:

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| <p>Must cover(check at least one)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swine</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poultry</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Ruminant</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> | <p>May cover</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Swine</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poultry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Small Ruminant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> |
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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).

The objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation are to provide food animal services for beef & dairy cattle, small ruminants, swine & poultry in Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, & Sumter Counties at 30% minimum time allocation. This area of SC has historically been largely row crops and tobacco. Farmers in this area, especially tobacco farmers, have diversified in recent years into beef cows. Therefore, historically no significant numbers of food animal veterinarians have practiced in this area. 2012 NASS data indicate over 126,000 food animals in this 9 county area including over 36,000 cattle & calves and 90,000 hogs & pigs. Extension sponsored workshops on small ruminant health in the area have had nearly 100 farmers in attendance. Small ruminant (meat goats) numbers have increased significantly in the area. Retaining the couple of younger veterinarians doing some food animal work or attracting a new practitioner is the goal for this situation. Each of nine counties have rural not in place populations of fewer than 50,000 (5 fewer than 30,000) according to the 2010 Census.

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 characters or less).

A veterinarian meeting this shortage situation would provide veterinary services to the cow-calf and feeder calf producers in this area, helping them design herd health programs for their operations as well as biosecurity procedures for their operations. In addition this veterinarian will provide similar services for small ruminant producers that are a rapidly growing sector in this area. There may be opportunity to work with small-scale hog farmers as well. Initially 30% minimum time devoted to food supply veterinary medicine is expected for this area since producers in the area have not been accustomed to having such services available. This position would have the opportunity to provide equine veterinary services to supplement income. Opportunity also exists to serve small ruminant needs in more populated counties adjoining this area with significant small ruminant numbers and little food supply veterinary services available.

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).

Because small ruminant and cattle numbers in this area are a relatively new phenomenon, there have not been extensive recruitment activities in the past. New veterinary graduates in the area, who are open to food animal practice for a portion of their time, say they may not be able to continue to offer the service due to student debt loan service requirements. The need for food animal veterinarians is demonstrated continually by calls to the State Veterinarian's office and diagnostic lab with requests for this service. It is hard for us to come up with names for them who will come to a farm even for an emergency.

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 area specified for this veterinarian shortage situation has significant populations of beef cows, commercial and backyard swine, and small ruminants with not even 1 full time equivalent veterinarian providing services for them. The production of a safe, wholesome, local food supply for this area in SC is directly impacted by the ability of the producers there to obtain competent and readily available veterinary services. Recent new graduates practicing in this area desiring to offer food supply veterinary services indicate that student loan debt payments are a significant hurdle to overcome for them to remain in this area and continue or expand the amount for food animal services provided. The area is poised to continue its growth in cattle numbers, possibly becoming a significant area for forage-fed beef production. Availability of food supply veterinary services is a critical requirement for this growth to be able to occur. There are a significant number of commercial swine operations in the area. Food supply veterinarians are a critical link in emerging and foreign animal disease prevention, detection and eradication. Both state and regional interests will be served by improving the level of food supply veterinarians in this area with benefits accruing to animal, human, and environmental health.

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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