

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 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: Box Elder County (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): 390 West 600 North, Tremonton, Utah 84337 (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): [ ] Beef Cattle, [ ] Dairy Cattle, [ ] Swine, [ ] Poultry, [ ] Small Ruminant, [ ] Other:
May cover: [ ] Beef Cattle, [ ] Dairy Cattle, [ ] Swine, [ ] Poultry, [ ] Small Ruminant, [ ] 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): X Beef Cattle, X Dairy Cattle, [ ] Swine, [ ] Poultry, X Small Ruminant, X Other: Domestic Elk & Horses
May cover: [ ] Beef Cattle, [ ] Dairy Cattle, X Swine, X 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).

Box Elder County is one of the largest counties in Utah with over 6,714 square miles of area within its borders. Some of the best grass county in the state of Utah is located here. Box Elder is home to some 92,000 head of Cattle:

1. 37,500 head of mother cows and bulls
2. 10,800 dairy cows
3. 43,700 feeder cattle

There is also some 44,000 head of sheep that calls Box Elder County home. There is already an extremely busy veterinary clinic located in that county that's primary emphasis is production medicine (Bear River Animal Hospital). There are currently two veterinarians working out of that facility which is co-owned by them. They cannot keep up and are working long hours to meet the needs of production agriculture. I worry about a burn out situation. This practice does a large amount of regulatory work primarily on the ranches and farms they serve such as writing ICVI, vaccinating for Brucellosis, TB Testing, and Trichomoniasis Testing of Bulls. Trichomoniasis is a regulated disease in the State of Utah. There are also several small state inspected meat processing facilities in the area that Bear River Animal Hospital provides the service to in reference to veterinary dispositions.

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).

I have referred to many of the activities which need to be address in the prior statement but for the sake of clarity let me list them again:

1. Dairy Herd Veterinary Medicine
  - Pregnancy exams
  - Mastitis Work
  - Brucellosis Vaccination
  - Tuberculosis Testing
  - Emergency Call (Dystocia, DA)
2. Cow/Calf Work
  - Vaccination Program
  - Nutritional Consulting
  - Pregnancy exams
  - Brucellosis Vaccination
  - Trichomoniasis Testing of Breeding Bulls
  - ICVI
3. Feedlot Medicine
  - Preventive Medicine
  - Necropsies
  - Brucellosis Vaccinations
  - ICVI
4. Ovine Medicine
  - Test Rams for Epidimitis
  - Scrapies Program

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).

Past efforts to recruit a veterinarian to this area are consistent to other areas of the State. There is more than enough work in this area to keep two more veterinarians busy but the new graduates have such a debt load that they cannot afford to work in food animal medicine at least here in the State of Utah. This is very disturbing to me as the State Animal Health Official because I would like the best of the best veterinarians to be found working in production medicine and protecting our food supply.

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 risk of not having a veterinary presence in this area of the State due to the high number of livestock that reside there is very concerning to me. Cattle move freely interstate out of Box Elder County due to this county bordering Nevada on the West and Idaho on the North. Idaho currently has active cases of brucellosis in their cattle herd due to their proximity to Yellowstone National Park. We have strict herd health plans on the livestock that graze the summers in Idaho out of Box Elder County and many do. It is essential to have veterinarians monitor and help regulate those plans. I also I am concerned about Tuberculosis in the dairy animals because of how fluid that industry has become. At this time the veterinarians are our eyes and ears on the Dairies.

(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.

50%

**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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