

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for 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 position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

The area that includes the counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland and Prince Edward Counties

Location of Veterinary Shortage: _____
 (e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position: Rustburg, VA 24588
 (e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

Type I Shortage: Private Practice
 Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)
 Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other _____

Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area
 Food Animal Medicine (at least 50 percent time)
 Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other : _____

Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)
 Employer: _____ Position Title: _____
 Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

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

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting 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).

Objectives for a food supply veterinarian in this designated area:

- Establish a new rural predominantly food animal practice in the area or join an existing practice and add food animal veterinary services capacity to the practice.
- Provide production management and emergency veterinary services for livestock producers in the area.
- Be available to local livestock markets to provide certificates of inspection for animals being sold at the markets.
- Assist local producers, in cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, to look for ways to expand, diversify, or expand their livestock production to sustain the livestock industry in the area.
- Support state/federal animal health officials and the local health department by helping to recognize and manage potential foreign animal diseases, emerging diseases, and zoonotic diseases.
- Assist noncommercial poultry producers in the area by being available for pre-slaughter and live bird market avian influenza testing.
- Serve as a resource for local Animal Control on livestock animal health and welfare cases.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The successful applicant should join an existing practice or establish a new practice to provide additional food animal veterinary services for the producers and livestock in the designated counties. National Agricultural Statistics Service indicates that there are 50,700 mature beef cows, 2,800 milking dairy cows, and 4,800 sheep in the area.

One of the largest livestock markets in the state is in Campbell County, within the designated area. The successful applicant is expected to be available to this market to provide certificates of veterinary inspection for livestock going out of state from this market, to respond to questions concerning possible contagious food animal diseases, and to interact with producers on sale day. In addition, the veterinarian will be expected to provide avian influenza testing services for local poultry producers participating in the live bird marketing system.

There are 52,700 mature beef cows, 2,600 milking cows, 1,800 sheep, and 3,022 goats in other food supply veterinarian deficient counties adjacent to the designated county. A predominantly food animal practitioner residing in the designated area should be able to establish an adequate livestock client base in the designated and adjacent areas to sustain a practice.

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).

The current Campbell County administrator has offered to work with the local extension agent to assist a new veterinarian to identify free or reduced-rate office space during start up, to promote a new veterinarian to the local farmers, to identify possible revenue streams from the county government, and to facilitate any local permitting or regulatory requirements. The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Unit Chairman also wrote to express a willingness to facilitate the establishment of a new food supply veterinarian in the 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).

These counties are experiencing significant urbanization pressure from cities within the area. Many formerly mixed animal practices are now companion animal exclusive. Recently, a mixed animal practitioner in Appomattox County has stopped providing food animal service.

As maturing producers transition out of the livestock business, new producers may be reluctant to keep the existing premises in livestock production if they do not have access to a food supply veterinarian to provide them with guidance concerning livestock production and livestock health programs. If these farms go out of production as the current owners retire, the land may be diverted to uses that will eliminate green space and have negative impacts on the local ecosystems. Without local veterinary services, public health may be threatened if livestock producers sell animals with illegal drug residues because they are forced to make livestock treatment and withdrawal times.

If an accredited food supply veterinarian is not available in the area and especially to the local livestock market, the producers are at an increased risk of a delayed recognition, diagnosis, and response to a foreign animal disease (FAD). A timely FAD response will reduce the economic impact of the disease on the livestock industry and reduce the negative

environmental impact resulting from the biomass that may have to be disposed by composting, burning or burying the livestock carcasses.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a “service in emergency” agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the “Service in Emergency” agreement.

Not required at this time according to instructions.

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