

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.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: ND111

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.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Wells, Foster, and Eddy Counties of North Dakota

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Location of Position:

Cathay, ND is the geographic center, but this town lacks infrastructure. Veterinarian could be located in Carrington, New Rockford, or Harvey and service the area

(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 30 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).

A veterinarian in this region would need to provide full-service veterinary care to fit the diverse needs of a rural area. Both food animal and companion animal services would be required in this area. The practice radius is approximately 50 miles. According to NASS data, there are over 62,000 cattle and 5,000 sheep in this area. Most of these are small to medium sized operations, which is significant, as it means there are a large number of producers. Additionally, there are several feedlots in this practice area. Carrington (pop. 2065), Harvey (pop. 1783), and New Rockford (pop. 1197) provide a large enough population to allow small animal medicine to complement this practice. In the recent past, this area supported 4-6 full time veterinarians.

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).

A veterinarian in this region would be asked to serve as both a large and small animal practitioner. Activities would focus on beef cattle practice, including reproductive services such as breeding soundness, ultrasound and manual pregnancy diagnosis, calving services, herd health consulting, disease diagnostics and emergency services. Additionally, there are several feedlots in the area which would offer the opportunity for feedlot medicine, and there is one large dairy, providing some variety (and steady work) as well. There are also numerous small to medium sized sheep flocks in this area who would welcome the availability of a veterinarian with interest in small ruminant medicine.

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).

Clinics in surrounding communities (50-80 miles from the center of this area) have attempted to provide service, one even with a part time satellite clinic; however, it is difficult to maintain reliable drop-in or emergency service. Furthermore, it is difficult to find veterinarians wishing to travel long distances on a regular basis. It is important to note that AVMA data shows that there are several veterinarians in this area; however, one is limited to equine dentistry, two are employed full time with the federal government, one is retired, and one practices on a limited basis.

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 large number of beef cattle in this practice area with limited access to a veterinarian creates the risk for a disease outbreak to go undetected and spread quickly. Producers may travel up to 70 miles to reach a veterinarian. Travel time can seriously impact the quality of care.

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.

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