

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.

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

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position: Las Animas, 81054
(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).

The veterinarian will offer food animal veterinary services to Bent County. This is a dense cow/calf area with no veterinarians serving the area. The target food animal industries within this area include beef cow/calf production, dairy operations, and swine farrow to finish operations. Other objectives of this veterinary position will include:

- Performing duties for state and federal disease control and eradication programs
- Participating in the Colorado veterinary emergency response team
- Performing duties for interstate movement of livestock, including commuter agreements

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 veterinary activities needed by the livestock producers in this Bent County area include:

- Provision of emergency veterinary services; for example livestock health care needs resulting from acute illness, trauma, dystocia or obstetrical difficulties
- Provision of routine veterinary services; for example vaccination, castration or dehorning
- Consultation in health care programs and nutrition
- Disease diagnostics for routine illness
- Disease surveillance and diagnostics for state and federal program diseases and for foreign animal diseases
- Completion of Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and animal health testing requirements needed in order to ship livestock in interstate commerce
- Provision of reproduction management consultation and services

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).

Veterinarians in adjacent areas have utilized the national Veterinary Career Network, with assistance from Colorado State University and the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, to try and place veterinarians in these counties. Graduate veterinarians have not seen incentive to practice or offer services within this Bent County area.

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 risks associated with a lack of available veterinary services within a reasonable proximity of a producer's location in this Bent County area could include:

- A greater prevalence of disease, which increases the morbidity and mortality of food animals
- Reproductive losses, which would result in a monetary loss for the producer and the community
- The potential for the establishment and spread of a foreign animal disease due to the lack of timely surveillance and participation in Colorado emergency management activities
- The potential for the establishment and spread of a program or zoonotic disease due to the lack of timely surveillance and diagnostics
- A lack of the facilitation of interstate movement of animals through the issuance of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or commuter agreements
- Adulteration of food products due to the producer's lack of knowledge on the proper use of pharmaceuticals and veterinary biologic products

- Increased production costs resulting from a lack of consultation on nutrition, proper herd management and routine disease control

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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