

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.

Georgia

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

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position: College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens and Tifton, Georgia 30602 and 31793

(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: University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Position Title: Assistant Professor or higher _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- Food Safety
- Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Other: Veterinary Diagnosticians

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). Veterinarians in these underserved disciplines at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Georgia Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory system will assist with food animal and poultry disease surveillance. They will provide routine diagnostic testing and monitor for reportable and foreign animal diseases. They will serve as part of the National Animal Laboratory Monitoring program, Food Emergency Response Network and other State Emergency Management Program.

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).

Presently there is a shortage of veterinary diagnosticians in pathology, microbiology (diagnostic), public health, parasitology and toxicology. The veterinarians in these positions are responsible for fast, accurate diagnosis and disease surveillance for reportable diseases, foreign animal diseases, zoonotic diseases and emerging diseases, as well as providing support services for food supply veterinarians in the state as they work to improve the health of the livestock and poultry industry. These veterinarians are trained in the National Incident Management System and are prepared to respond to emergency situations involving animal agriculture.

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 College of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories provide training programs in pathology and microbiology to undergraduate and graduate veterinarians. Mentors have been assigned to all new faculty to encourage promotion and position stability in these underserved fields.

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).

Veterinary Diagnosticians, like practicing food animal veterinarians, are critical to the prompt, accurate recognition of reportable and foreign animal disease to prevent spread of the disease to other animals or humans and to help protect against the massive detrimental impact on the economy of Georgia and the United States. These diagnosticians are the ones that provide the quick turnaround needed for diagnosing foreign animal disease issues. Without rapid testing, transmissible diseases have the potential to rapidly spread, compounding the potential

catastrophic losses of livestock. A key element in containing a highly contagious livestock disease agent is rapid identification of the causative agent in order to apply the appropriate control strategy. Also important is the ability to rapidly identify a suspect case as a non-threatening problem, thus more quickly lifting quarantine or containment costs from livestock producers.

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.

No response required at this time.

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