

Close Out Report

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Survey of Animal Health Officials Completing VMLRP Veterinarian Shortage Nomination Form
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The purpose of this close-out report is to assess whether the intended outcomes of the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) are being achieved. This information will facilitate continuous improvement and evaluation of the program and enable us to describe the impacts of VMLRP service awards to Congress and stakeholders. The information provided in this survey will be reported in aggregate, so your individual responses will remain confidential. NIFA staff may contact you if any responses require clarification using the information we have on file. There are 7 questions which should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The VMLRP Staff thanks you for your time and feedback.

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* Required

1. Name *

2. Shortage Identification Code

The shortage nomination can be found in your award package.

3. Did the opportunity to apply for a VMLRP award influence your decision to seek employment in the shortage area that you served?

Yes

No

4. If yes, please provide a brief explanation of how the opportunity influenced your decision.

5. What types of services did you provide in the designated shortage area identified above? (Select all that apply.)

4-H or FFA support

Ambulatory

- Biosecurity protocols
- Breeding soundness exams
- Embryo transfer
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency preparedness and response activities
- Euthanasia/Necropsy
- Extension and Outreach
- Farm management consultations
- Federal/State Program testing
- Haul-in
- Health Certificates/Regulator Work
- Herd health protocols (includes vaccination & deworming schedules)
- Lameness exams/Hoof care
- Nutrition consultation
- Pregnancy check (palpation)
- Pregnancy check (ultrasound assisted)
- Preventive medicine
- Promoting Practice
- Sale barn or auction yard support
- Ultrasound (diagnostic)
- VCPR/Diagnostics/Prescribing
- Other veterinary medical services Please describe
- Other community service e.g., school lectures.
- Not Applicable

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Other

6. Please describe any services not listed above and provide any comments regarding services offered.

7. What impact did you have on this shortage situation? (Select all that apply.)

- Provided needed public service for my employer/community/region
- Enabled employer to maintain existing public health services
- Enabled employer to maintain existing diagnostic services
- Enabled clients in the service area to expand their operations and increase profits
- Enabled clients in the service area to reduce herd morbidity and mortality
- Increased disease surveillance and response in the area
- Enabled practice/employer to maintain existing services to agricultural community
- Enabled practice/employer to expand existing services
- Other

8. Please describe any additional impacts not listed above and provide any additional comments regarding impacts.

9. Do you plan to continue serving the shortage area upon completion of the VMLRP service award period?

Yes

No

10. If YES to question 9, how long do you plan to continue serving the shortage area upon completion of the VMLRP service award period?

11. If NO to question 4, why do you plan to leave or why are you considering leaving? (Select up to 5)

- Animal industry has changed
- Better job offer/offers outside the shortage area
- Change in practice ownership or management
- Didn't like the community and/or lifestyle
- Family considerations including spouse employment opportunities
- Financial considerations such as salary or benefits
- Inability to keep practice financially stable
- Insufficient peer-to-peer relationships
- Lack of resources to do my job well
- Location no longer aligned with my personal goals
- Long work hours/no "work-life" balance
- Opportunities for advancement or practice ownership/partnership
- Personal Health considerations
- Problems with employer
- Other

12. Have all payments been released to you in accordance with your contract?

- Yes
- No

13. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments to the VMLRP. Feedback regarding challenges encountered with the VMLRP and possible solutions are always welcome.

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