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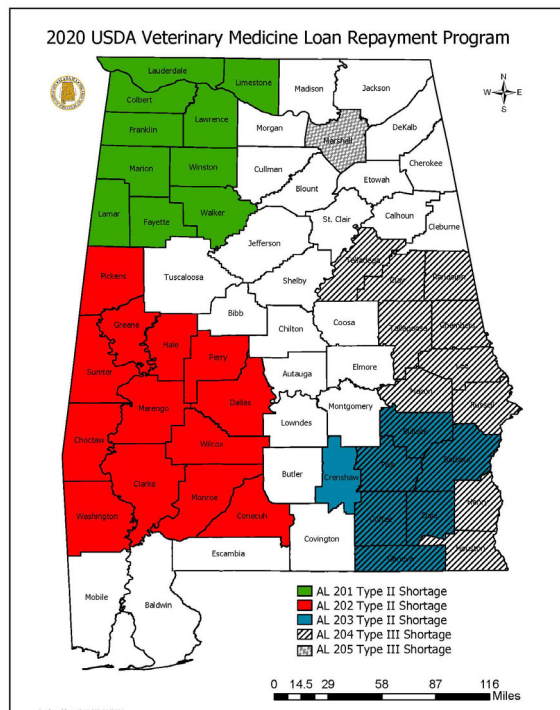
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2020 USDA Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program

Alabama Department of Agriculture Announces Five Veterinary Shortage Areas

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) applications for the five Alabama areas designated as having veterinary shortages. Applications may be submitted through **5:00 pm (ET) on April 2, 2020**.



The VMLRP is authorized by the National Veterinary Medical Services Act and helps qualified veterinarians offset a significant portion of debt incurred while pursuing their veterinary medicine degree in return for at least three years of service in a designated veterinary shortage area.

To view shortage areas in Alabama, visit <https://nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp-map?state=527>

For more information about the FY 2020 VMLRP application process, visit <https://nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp-applicants> or contact vmlrp.applications@usda.gov.

To be eligible to apply to the VMLRP, an applicant must:

1. Have a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), or the equivalent, from a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the AVMA Council on Education;
2. Have qualifying educational loan debt as defined in [7 CFR 3431 Section 3](#);
3. Secure an offer of employment or establish and/or maintain a practice in a veterinary shortage situation, as determined by the Secretary, within the time period specified in the VMLRP service agreement offer;
4. Provide certifications and verifications in accordance with [7 CFR 3431 Section 16](#).