

Dear Student

Please participate in an online survey of veterinary students that takes 20 minutes to complete and asks about recruiting and retaining students. The results will help create strategies to refocus and improve the veterinary profession. Your voluntary responses to this survey are confidential and findings will be only reported in the aggregate.

This survey is sponsored by the Food Supply Veterinary Medicine Coalition (FSVMC), which is comprised of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP), the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians (AAFHV), American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV), the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), the Academy of Veterinary Consultants (AVC), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP), Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) and Bayer Animal Health.

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Click on this link if you are a first year veterinary medical student:

<http://survey.cba.ksu.edu/avma/study7/study7.htm>

Please complete the survey by April 14, 2005. If you have any difficulties or technical questions regarding the online survey, you can contact Joe Plantiko at [jplant@ksu.edu](mailto:jplant@ksu.edu). If you have any questions regarding the content of the survey, please contact Dr. David Andrus at [andrus@ksu.edu](mailto:andrus@ksu.edu).

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT.

Best Regards,

David M. Andrus

Kansas State University

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A week ago we asked you to participate in an online survey of veterinary students that takes 20 minutes to complete and asks about recruiting and retaining students. If you have completed the survey, thank you for your support! If you missed the survey, please take a moment now and share your insights with us. The results will help create strategies to refocus and improve the veterinary profession. Your voluntary responses to this survey are confidential and findings will be only reported in the aggregate. We have kept the survey short to accommodate your busy schedule.

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Many of you have completed our online survey of veterinary students. We thank you for your assistance. This is the third and final distribution of the survey. If you have already completed this questionnaire, we thank you for your time and please disregard this email. For those of you from whom we have not yet heard, please visit the link below to participate in this research as soon as possible. Your opinions are extremely important to us!

This survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and asks you about the type of veterinary work you do and your attitudes about that work. The results will help create strategies to refocus and improve the veterinary profession. Your voluntary responses to this survey are anonymous and there is no obligation to participate. Information will only be reported at the aggregate level and you will never be personally identified with this information.

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# Veterinary Career Decision Survey

**Thank you for taking the time to participate in this online survey about veterinary careers. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and will ask you about decision factors used in selecting a particular career path in veterinary medicine. It will also ask you about employment challenges and future career expectations.**

**Your responses to this survey will be completely anonymous. Information will only be reported at the aggregate level and you will never be personally identified with this information. We appreciate your support and value your insights.**

**Please do not use your browser's "Back" button to navigate through the survey.**

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## Future Career Plans

1. Please identify the percent of your time you plan to spend working with the species below after you graduate. Responses should add to 100%. The counter below indicates your running total.

If you do not plan on working directly with animals, please click the "next" button to continue the survey.

Beef cattle	0
Dairy cattle	0
Poultry	0
Swine	0
Bison	0
Elk	0
Llamas	0
Cats	0
Dogs	0
Exotic animals	0
Equine	0
Sheep/Goats	0
Food Fish	0
Avian	0
Laboratory Animal	0
Other	0

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0%

## Future Career Plans

2. Which one of the following occupational areas are you *most likely* to enter upon graduation? **The occupational area you select will be referred to in subsequent questions.**

- Food animal exclusive private practice
- Food animal predominant private practice
- Mixed animal private practice
- Companion animal predominant private practice
- Companion animal exclusive private practice
- Equine private practice
- University
- Uniformed Services
- Federal Government
- State/Local Government
- Industry
- Not-For-Profit

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## Future Career Plans

2a. Which one of the following areas within the food animal production industry are you *most likely* to focus on as a career?

- Not interested in working with food animals
- Reproductive problems of food animals
- Herd/flock animal inspection for disease control
- Epidemiology related to food animals
- Animal facility inspection for animal welfare
- Public health and surveillance for zoonotic disease control
- Food safety inspection
- Evaluate nutritional programs for herd/flock animals
- Advice on prescribing medicines/vaccines to producers
- Environmental risk assessment
- Consulting on productivity of farm/ranch operations
- Other

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## Future Career Plans

Using the occupational area you selected in question 2, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	<b>Very Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Very Strongly Agree</b>
3. I am very satisfied with choosing this occupational area in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I am very committed to this occupational area in veterinary medicine for the next five years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I am unlikely to change to another occupational area in veterinary medicine in the next five years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. My planned occupational area in veterinary medicine will give me a strong sense of accomplishment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. People that are important to me view my choice of occupational areas in veterinary medicine favorably.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Past Experiences with Animals

Please rate the following statement about your life experiences with animals prior to applying for veterinary medical school.

	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
8. I had significant experience with food animals before being admitted to veterinary school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. I had a good role model who was involved in food animal production when I was growing up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. I was actively involved with food animals in 4H when I was young.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I worked for a food animal veterinarian before I was admitted to veterinary school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. I worked for a companion animal veterinarian before I was admitted to veterinary school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Career Decision Factors

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
13. I am extremely worried about repaying my loans for veterinary medical school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. I selected an occupational area in veterinary medicine because it allows me to pay my veterinary school debt off faster.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. The lifestyle I want to lead requires that I make much more than the average veterinarian.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I put much less emphasis on material things than most people I know.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Veterinarians who have a lot of money are happier than veterinarians who have only a little money.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. I think that I will receive a good annual salary from my occupational area in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Career Decision Factors

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	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
19. It is vital to me that my veterinary job be personally meaningful.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. The major satisfactions in my life will come from my veterinary job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. I want recognition from my colleagues for contributions to my occupational area in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22. I want to use my veterinary career to be a community leader.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23. A career in food animal medicine is as intellectually challenging as companion animal medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24. Food animal veterinary medicine would allow me to fully utilize my medical knowledge.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25. I desire a job that allows me to help protect the nation's food supply.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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26. My selection of an occupational area in veterinary medicine will be heavily influenced by my significant other's job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27. I am concerned about the ability of my significant other to find a job close to where I work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
28. I require an occupational area in veterinary medicine that allows me time to raise a family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29. I worry that long hours doing veterinary work will interfere with my family life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30. I am willing to miss important family activities to do emergency work at my veterinary job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
31. I am concerned that I will have to travel too much with my veterinary work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Career Decision Factors

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	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
32. Having abundant free time to pursue my hobbies is important to me in selecting an occupational area in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
33. I want a veterinary career where I can control the number of hours I work and when I work them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
34. I do not want to be on call very often in my occupational area in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
35. Frequent vacation time from my veterinary job is very important to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
36. Rural areas do not have enough recreational or cultural amenities to satisfy me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
37. I want to practice the type of veterinary medicine that would let me live a rural lifestyle.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
38. I would be upset if I had to regularly work nights or weekends in my veterinary career.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Career Decision Factors

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
39. I worry a lot that there are few good jobs in food animal veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40. I feel very secure about the future demand for my chosen occupational area in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
41. Food animal veterinary medicine offers a good stable career.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
42. It is very important to me to work in a veterinary medical group practice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
43. I value a strong mentorship/training program in my first veterinary job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
44. I am intimidated by the size of many food animals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45. I dislike the amount of physical work required of food animal veterinarians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
46. I worry that I might be injured if I work with food animals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
47. I worry that I will be physically unable to deal with large food animals when I am older.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
48. The bond between humans and their pets is a big part of my interest in veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
49. The thought of caring for herds/flocks of food animals is very appealing to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
50. I believe we should treat all sick animals no matter what the cost.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
51. Food animal veterinary medicine is too concerned with making a profit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
52. I believe that livestock producers value the services of food animal veterinarians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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53. My experiences while in veterinary medical school have positively influenced the type of work I want to do in my career.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
54. Some of my veterinary medicine classes have made me realize the type of veterinary work I want to avoid.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
55. I can think of a faculty member in the veterinary college that has positively shaped my career focus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
56. I am seriously considering a career in food animal medicine because of information I learned in veterinary school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Critical Factors

57. What are two main reasons that would be critically important for someone to *choose* a career in food animal veterinary medicine?

**[First Reason]**

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**[Second Reason]**

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58. What are two major reasons that would be critically important for someone to *change to* a career in food animal veterinary medicine?

**[First Reason]**

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**[Second Reason]**

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## Knowledge Factors

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
59. I have carefully considered all available career options regarding the type of veterinary work I want to do when I graduate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
60. My interest in the specific area of veterinary medicine that I am focusing on now came about by chance.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
61. I have a great deal of knowledge about veterinary career opportunities in the food animal industry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
62. My knowledge about careers in food animal veterinary medicine is greater than most students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
63. I wish that I had more opportunities to learn about careers in food animal medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Encouraging Food Animal Careers

How effective would each of the following activities be in encouraging more students to enter into food animal veterinary careers?

	Very Ineffective	Ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Neutral	Somewhat effective	Effective	Very Effective
64. Reserve class slots for academically qualified applicants who express a commitment to food animal veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
65. Early admission decisions targeted toward academically qualified applicants who express a commitment to food animal veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
66. Providing substantial scholarships to those interested in food animal veterinary medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
67. Payoff all student loans in exchange for working in a food animal veterinary medicine field for 3 years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
68. Assistance in setting up a food animal practice (e.g., advice on site selection, accounting and information systems, legal issues, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
69. Financial assistance in purchasing equipment to begin a food animal practice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How effective would each of the following activities be in encouraging more students to enter into food animal veterinary careers?

	Very Ineffective	Ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Neutral	Somewhat effective	Effective	Very Effective
70. Provide job placement services for food animal careers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
71. Establishment of a mentoring / shadowing program that matches high school students with food animal veterinarians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
72. Provide high school and undergraduate college students written information about different food animal careers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
73. Produce a television show to compete with "Emergency Vets" called "Farm Vets."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
74. Create a compact disc that features the life and career of food animal veterinarians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
75. Orientation session prior to the start of first year classes that highlights career options in various veterinary medicine fields.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Very Ineffective	Ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Neutral	Somewhat effective	Effective	Very Effective
76. A first semester program in veterinary medical school that lets students study and treat food animals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
77. Assigning students interested in a food animal career to a faculty mentor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
78. Making students select a curriculum track that provides detailed knowledge in particular areas of emphasis (e.g., bovine).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
79. Offer paid 8-week summer externships in food animal medicine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Career Prestige

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	<b>Very Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Very Strongly Agree</b>
80. A veterinary career in small animal medicine is very prestigious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
81. A veterinary career in food animal medicine is very prestigious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
82. A veterinary career in public health is very prestigious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
83. A veterinary career working in industry is very prestigious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
84. A veterinary career working in the government is very prestigious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Food Animal Career Expectations

**Please indicate your expectations for the following aspects of a food animal veterinarian's career.**

**85.** The expected starting salary for a full time food animal veterinarian.

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**86.** The expected salary for a full time food animal veterinarian 5 years after graduation.

[\(Click here to choose\)](#)

**87.** The expected average number of hours worked per week for a full time food animal veterinarian.

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## Food Animal Career Expectations

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your expectations for the following aspects of a food animal veterinarian's career.

	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
88. Food animal veterinarians have a great deal of flexibility regarding when they perform their work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
89. Food animal veterinarians spend a lot of time on-call.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
90. Food animal veterinarians need to live in rural areas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
91. The nature of food animal veterinary medicine is dirty.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
92. Food animal veterinarians have a lot of autonomy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
93. Food animal veterinarians do not interact with many people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
94. Food animal veterinarians must travel for work a great deal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
95. Food animal veterinarians can easily switch between employers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
96. Food animal veterinarians have a great deal of job satisfaction in their careers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
97. Most food animal veterinarians stay in that							

field their entire career.



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## Challenges and Benefits of Food Animal Veterinary Medicine

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Very Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Very Strongly Agree
98. Consolidation among food animal producers will make it more difficult to be a food animal veterinarian.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
99. A major challenge in food animal veterinary medicine is that food animal producers often ignore the veterinarian's advice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
100. Food animal producers are often unwilling to pay for the types of services offered by veterinarians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
101. I am concerned over my ability to buy into a food animal practice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
102. My veterinary education has made me extremely well prepared to work in a food animal practice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

103. What are the two biggest benefits you see of working as a food animal veterinarian?  
**[First Benefit]**



**[Second Benefit]**

## Demographics

**Please answer the following demographic questions so we can group your responses with those of similar respondents. You will not be identified individually by this information. Data will be reported only in the aggregate.**

**104.** What is the size of the community in which you spent the majority of your childhood?

(Click here to choose)



**105.** What is the size of the community where you would ideally like to live?

(Click here to choose)



**106.** Which state or province did you spend the majority of your childhood? (Canadian provinces are listed at the bottom)

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## Demographics

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**107.** Which category below best describes the annual income you think you will make from your veterinary medicine work after 5 years on the job?

(Click here to choose)

**108.** In which veterinary college are you enrolled?

- Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine
- Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine
- Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine
- Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine
- North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine

- Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine
- Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine
- Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine
- Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
- Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Wisconsin College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College
- University of Montreal Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Prince Edward Island, Atlantic Veterinary College
- University of Saskatchewan Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Other

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**109.** What year are you in your college of veterinary education?

(Click here to choose)



**110.** In which area was your undergraduate major?

(Click here to choose)



**111.** What is your current age?

(Click here to choose)



**112.** What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

**113.** What is your marital status?

(Click here to choose)



**114.** Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic heritage?

- Asian
- Black
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Native American/Native Canadian
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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