

# CALIFORNIA Dairy Information

## BULLETIN

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### Distribution of California Milk Production by Farm Size, May 2008

Range of Milk Marketings	Number of Grade A & B Farms (Arrows Indicate Difference from 2007)	Percent of Total Grade A & B Farms	Percent of Total Grade A & B Milk Marketings
> 5.0 Million Lbs.	↑ 152	8.14%	30.34%
2.4 to 4.9 Million Lbs.	↑ 324	17.34%	30.98%
1.5 to 2.3 Million Lbs.	↓ 319	17.08%	17.17%
1 to 1.4 Million Lbs.	↓ 275	14.72%	9.62%
750,000 to 999,999 Lbs.	203	10.87%	5.03%
500,000 to 749,000 Lbs.	↓ 218	11.67%	3.79%
250,000 to 499,000 Lbs.	↓ 233	12.47%	2.47%
< 249,000 Lbs.	↓ 144	7.71%	0.59%

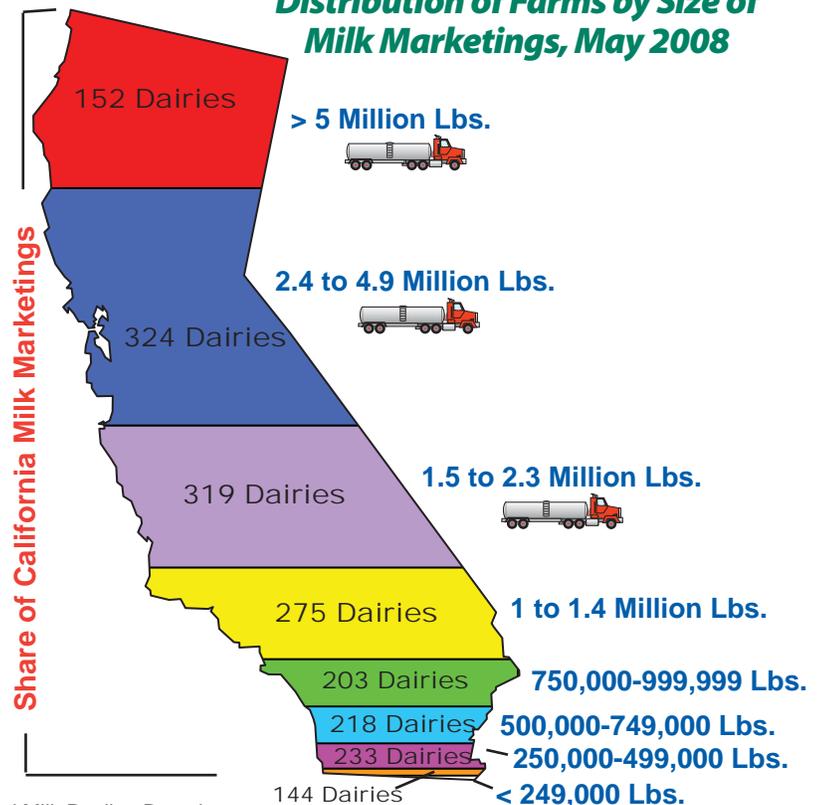


 = Farms producing at least one tanker load of milk per day

#### California Farms by Size: A Comparison . . .

- The 476 top-producing dairy farms (25% of the state's dairies) produce 61% of the state's milk marketings.
- Approximately 78% of the milk produced in California is from farms producing at least one tanker load of milk per day
- The 595 lowest-producing dairy farms (32% of the state's dairies) produce only 7% of the state's milk marketings.
- The group of dairies producing less than 249,000 pounds of milk per month (144 dairies) accounted for less than 1% of the state's milk marketings.
- In May 2008, there were 152 dairies producing greater than 5 million pounds of milk per month, 13% more dairies than in May 2007.
- Compared to May 2007, there are an additional 20 dairies producing more than one tanker load of milk per day.

#### Distribution of Farms by Size of Milk Marketings, May 2008



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