

Number of Dairies Producing Over 1.5 Million Lbs. Per Month

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Forty-Three Percent of California Dairies Produce More Than One Tanker Load of Milk Per Day

A Glimpse at Transporting Milk in California . . .

In April 2009, there were 725 California dairy farms producing over 1.5 million pounds of milk per month, a volume of milk approximating one tanker load per day. These tanker loads require only one stop to be at capacity, making them quickly mobile and easily directed to various locations as needed.

- These 725 producers account for 43% of the state's dairy producers, yet produce 79% of the state's total milk production.
- Of the 725 dairies producing over 1.5 million pounds per month, 325 of those dairies were producing over 3.0 million pounds or the equivalent of at least two tanker loads per day.

DESIGNATED REGIONS





= Counties With No Milk Production

California Grade A Dairy Farms Producing Over 1.5 Million Lbs. Per Month, by Region, April 2009

Region	# Grade A Farms Producing Over 1.5 Million Lbs (At Least 1 Tanker/Day)	% of Total California Grade A Milk Production	% of Total California Grade A Dairy Farms	Of the Farms Producing Over 1.5 Million Lbs: # Farms Producing Over 3.0 Million Lbs (At Least 2 Tankers/Day)
North Coast	6	0.3%	0.4%	0
North Valley	229	22.5%	13.7%	92
South Valley	418	50.3%	25.0%	213
Southern California	72	5.9%	4.3%	20
Totals	725	79.0%	43.4%	325



Source: CDFA Milk Pooling and Dairy Marketing Branches