



Update for CA Senate Committee H5N1 in Dairy Cattle



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Owned by nearly 300 California dairy families.

From San Diego County in the south to Sacramento County in the north, our independent, family-owned member dairies dot California's rural landscape. All of the milk used to produce our high quality, safe and nutritious dairy products originates at one of our member-owners' dairy farms. CDI is the second largest milk marketing cooperative in the United States with 6 processing facilities throughout CA.

17 BILLION POUNDS of average annual member milk production (60.5 billion liters)

99 PERCENT of our member-owner farms are located within 100 miles of a CDI facility

9 PERCENT of total US Production

1,800 AVERAGE HERD SIZE at our member-owner farms

40 PERCENT of California's total milk production is from CDI member-owners

Manufacturing and Membership Footprint



- Flu like symptoms
- Reduction in milk production
 - Varies from cow to cow
- Impacts to dairies include:
 - Milk Losses
 - Treatment Costs
 - Mortalities
 - Abortions
 - Breeding interruptions
 - Long term effects unknown!

■ Local/County

■ New virus

- Lack of information regarding virus transmission, vulnerable groups, etc.
- Communicated extensively with employees around safety protocols
 - PPE Provided

- No ability to locally test – Davis, CA and confirmed back east

■ State

- Concerned about the border stations' ability to monitor and perform their duties and meet expectations

■ Federal

- Lack of coordination between USDA and CDFA on-farm personnel

- Local/County
 - FREE PPE distribution/delivery coordinated with local health departments and MHOAC
- State
 - State Vet Jones – Amazing advocate and leader for CA Livestock
 - CDFA's communication with industry
 - Coordination between milk handlers and lab helped streamline testing early in outbreak
- Federal
 - Significant programs providing support for farmers
 - FSA ELAP
 - USDA APHIS programs



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