Table of Regulatory Definitions of Large CAFOs, Medium CAFO, and Small CAFOs

A Large CAFO confines at least the number of animals described in the table below.

A **Medium CAFO** falls within the size range in the table below and either:

- has a manmade ditch or pipe that carries manure or wastewater to surface water; or
- the animals come into contact with surface water that passes through the area where they're confined.

If an operation is found to be a significant contributor of pollutants, the permitting authority may designate a medium-sized facility as a CAFO.

A **Small CAFO** confines fewer than the number of animals listed in the table **and** has been designated as a CAFO by the permitting authority as a significant contributor of pollutants.

| Animal Sector | Size Thresholds (number of animals) | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Large CAFOs | Medium CAFOs | Small CAFOs |
| Subpart A | | • | • |
| sheep or lambs | 10,000 or more | 3,000 - 9,999 | less than 3,000 |
| horses | 500 or more | 150 - 499 | less than 150 |
| Subpart B | | | |
| ducks (other than a liquid manure handling systems) | 30,000 or more | 10,000 - 29,999 | less than 10,000 |
| ducks (liquid manure handling systems) | 5,000 or more | 1,500 - 4,999 | less than 1,500 |
| Subpart C | | | |
| cattle or cow/calf pairs | 1,000 or more | 300 - 999 | less than 300 |
| mature dairy cattle | 700 or more | 200 - 699 | less than 200 |
| Subpart D | | | |
| veal calves | 1,000 or more | 300 - 999 | less than 300 |
| swine (weighing over 55 pounds) | 2,500 or more | 750 - 2,499 | less than 750 |
| swine (weighing less than 55 pounds) | 10,000 or more | 3,000 - 9,999 | less than 3,000 |
| turkeys | 55,000 or more | 16,500 - 54,999 | less than 16,500 |
| laying hens or broilers (liquid manure handling systems) | 30,000 or more | 9,000 - 29,999 | less than 9,000 |
| chickens other than laying hens (other than a liquid manure handling systems) | 125,000 or more | 37,500 - 124,999 | less than 37,500 |
| laying hens (other than a liquid manure handling systems) | 82,000 or more | 25,000 - 81,999 | less than 25,000 |