

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

- a. Has a manmade ditch or pipe that carries manure or wastewater to surface water; **or**
- b. 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.

FEDERAL CAFO DISTRIBUTION BY NUMBER OF ANIMALS:

| | Large | Medium | Small |
|---|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| cattle or cow/calf pairs | > 1,000 | 300 - 999 | < 300 |
| mature dairy cattle | > 700 | 200 - 699 | < 200 |
| veal calves | > 1000 | 300 - 999 | < 300 |
| swine (weighing over 55 pounds) | > 2,500 | 750 - 2,499 | < 750 |
| swine (weighing less than 55 pounds) | > 10,000 | 3,000 - 9,999 | < 3,000 |
| horses | > 500 | 150 - 499 | < 150 |
| sheep or lambs | > 10,000 | 3,000 - 9,999 | < 3,000 |
| turkeys | > 55,000 | 16,500 - 54,999 | < 16,500 |
| laying hens or broilers(liquid manure handling systems) | > 30,000 | 9,000 - 29,999 | < 9,000 |
| chickens other than laying hens (other than a liquid manure handling systems) | > 125,000 | 37,500 - 124,999 | < 37,500 |
| laying hens (other than a liquid manure handling systems) | > 82,000 | 25,000 - 81,999 | < 25,000 |
| ducks (other than a liquid manure handling systems) | > 30,000 | 10,000 - 29,999 | < 10,000 |
| ducks (liquid manure handling systems) | > 5,000 | 1,500 - 4,999 | < 1,500 |