

Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Confined Bovine Feedlot Operations (Feedlot General Order)



What is the Feedlot General Order and does it apply to my operation?

The Feedlot General Order regulates how certain animal operations in the Central Valley Region can manage wastes generated by their facilities. Waste from a feedlot could include manure, wash water, or storm water runoff that has contacted feed or manure.

Bovine animal operations confining six or more Animal Units (6,000 pounds of livestock) for more than 45 days per year will be regulated.

Your operation is **NOT** required to comply with this Order if it is:

- A grazing operation (including those with corrals or pens as long as animals are not confined more than 45 days)
- A non-commercial operation (including 4-H and FFA projects)
- An educational facility that does not market its products
- An operation with fewer than six animal units (6,000 pounds of livestock) or that feeds

cattle in confinement for 45 days or less per year.

What operations are required to enroll in this General Order?

If your operation confines more than six Animal Units (6,000 pounds of livestock) for more than 45 days per year, you need to apply for coverage under the General Order. Examples include:

- Calf ranches and replacement heifer raising facilities (unless they are part of or contiguous with a permitted dairy operation)
- Auction yards
- Commercial beef feedlots
- Buying stations



What actions does the General Order require?

The Feedlot General Order requires regular sampling and monitoring of wastes created by confined animal operations, groundwater quality monitoring, record-keeping for waste management activities, and submittal of annual reports.

Does the General Order regulate all facilities the same way?

No. There are three tiers in the Feedlot General Order based on potential risk to water quality.

Tier 1: Limited Time Operations. Facilities that house livestock for fewer than 24 days per month and export all manure. **Tier 2:** Limited Population Operations. These facilities house

fewer than 100 Animal Units. **Tier 3:** All other operations that feed animals in confinement for more than 45 days.

The Limited Time and Limited Population Tiers (Tier 1 and Tier 2) have significantly fewer requirements than the Full Coverage Tier (Tier 3).

What do I need to do if I own or operate a facility subject to the General Order?

It is your responsibility to complete and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) with appropriate filing fee. The deadline for existing facilities to submit an NOI is **July 1, 2018**. The NOI form is Attachment A of the Feedlot General Order. This, and other information about the program can be found on the Water Board's web site:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/confined_animal_facilities/program_regs_requirements/bovine/

Also, this web site will be periodically updated with news or announcements (workshops, etc.).

Who should I contact if I have questions?

If you are north of Madera County, please call Charlene Herbst in our Sacramento office at **(916) 464-3291** or charlene.herbst@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you are in Madera County or south, please call Dale Essary in our Fresno office at **(559) 445-5116** or dale.essary@waterboards.ca.gov





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Our Mission...

To preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Who we are

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVWB) is one of nine Regional Water Boards in California. The CVWB is a regulatory Board appointed by the Governor and tasked with establishing policies and regulations to protect the quality of surface and ground waters throughout the Central Valley.

What we do

The CVWB issues permits and other orders to businesses, industries, public agencies, and districts that conduct activities or practices that may affect water quality. Permits establish requirements that must be done by the permit holder.

Our Boundary and Jurisdiction

The Central Valley is the largest and most diverse region in California, stretching from the Oregon border to the tip of Los Angeles County—about 60,000 square miles or 40 percent of the State. It includes all or part of 38 of California's 58 counties, about 75 percent of the State's irrigated agricultural land, and the entire watersheds for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and the Tulare Lake Basin. Nearly all of the legal Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta is within the CVWB jurisdictional area.

Counties in our region include all or part of the following:

Alameda*	Lassen*	Shasta
Alpine*	Madera	Sierra*
Amador	Mariposa	Siskiyou*
Butte	Mendocino*	Solano*
Calaveras	Merced	Stanislaus
Colusa	Modoc*	Sutter
Contra Costa*	Napa*	Tehama
El Dorado*	Nevada*	Tulare
Fresno	Placer*	Tuolumne
Glenn*	Plumas	Yolo
Kern*	Sacramento	Yuba
Kings	San Benito*	
Lake*	San Joaquin	

* Only the portion of the county within the Central Valley Region. See our map: www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/region_map/region5map.pdf or contact CVWB staff to determine whether a particular facility is in our Region.

Central Valley Waters

Water from the Central Valley provides more than 50% of the State's total water supply, providing drinking water for 2/3 of the State and irrigation for millions of acres of farms in and out of the valley. Many of the waterways within the Central Valley, especially those on the valley floor, are impacted by pollutants that pose a risk to drinking water supplies, water for agricultural uses, and fish and wildlife. These pollutants include pesticides, metals, salts, pathogens, fertilizers, and industrial chemicals.



Protecting Water Quality

The CVWB has various programs that focus on specific types of practices and activities at confined animal operations such as feedlot operations, wastewater and sewage treatment, forest activities, landfills, cannabis, mining and dredging, underground storage tanks, discharges from agricultural land and industrial facilities, and storm water discharges.

