



Emergency Mortality Disposal Advisory

Supplemental: Wednesday February 26, 2020

County-Specific Carcass Disposal Information

Monday's mortality disposal advisory alerted producers served by Baker Commodities that collection of livestock mortalities was being temporarily suspended for one to two weeks. The advisory listed several potential disposal options, some of which require county declarations of emergency. What follows is guidance for the four counties most affected by the loss of service.

Fresno, Tulare and Kings Counties

Tulare and Fresno counties have [declared emergencies](#) for the period covering the loss of service. Kings County is expected to similarly follow with a declaration tomorrow, Thursday February 27th. Producers in counties with declarations may directly transport the carcasses to an alternative rendering facility or a permitted landfill, if one can be located which will accept them. An interactive map listing local landfills and their animal disposal permits is [available on-line](#). The declarations of emergency also allow producers in these counties to temporarily store mortalities in compost piles for later removal to a permitted landfill. The Regional Water Board's requirements for using temporary compost storage piles are outlined in Monday's [disposal advisory](#).

Kern County

Kern County has not declared an emergency and is requiring carcass disposal take place at the Bena Landfill at 2951 Neumarkel Road, Bakersfield, CA 93307. The afternoon or night before transport producers should contact the site engineer Terence Dozier at 661-809-4456 to arrange a time for delivery, preferably between 6 and 8 am. Coordination is required to ensure equipment is available at the correct dumping site. Tipping fees are \$70/ton. Cattle from outside Kern County will not be accepted.

Burial on the farm?

Producers in any Central Valley county may NOT permanently bury mortalities on farm unless they obtain a [permit](#) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Such a permit includes a copy of the county's emergency declaration, an annotated map, photographs and management plan for the site. The current fee for such a permit is approximately \$4,000 dollars.

Records

Both CDFA and RB5 require that producers record the final disposition of each carcass not sent to rendering. This will help protect producers from regulatory confusion and potential fines. Records must be maintained for at least five years.

Carcass Transportation

Some producers wanting to transport carcasses to either an alternative rendering facility or a permitted landfill may not have suitable equipment. CDFA has provided a [current list](#) of licensed

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dead haulers. While we can't endorse any particular company, contact information for several dead haulers with dairy clients appears in the table below.

CDQAP will provide updates as to which counties intend to take such action.

Partial list of dead haulers currently working with dairies.*

Company / Contact	Phone	Region
Dairyman Hide Company Eric Tatham	559-994-3226	Based out of Madera, caresses are transported to Sacramento Rendering. Producers can drop off carcasses at his collection center for half the price.
Sisk Tallow Manuel Cunha	209-667-1451	Based out of Turlock, transported to Sacramento Rendering. Drop-off facilities in Turlock and Oakdale
Branco Cattle Joe Branco	209-777-4695	Based out of Merced could probably serve impacted Baker clients Madera in as well.
Moniz Tallow Company Maurice Moniz	209-259-9134 209-595-9084	Based out of Hilmar, serving Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Merced. Carcasses transported to Darling Inc. No drop off.
RT Deceased Animal Transport Richard Toland	661-301-2477	Based out of Bakersfield, usually does horses but is equipped to pick up multiple cow carcasses. No drop off.
Stiles Animal Removal Stephen Stiles	909-390-9828	Based out of Ontario. No longer serving Kern County. Transported to Darling.

* CDQAP is providing this information for use by producers does not represent a recommendation or endorsement of any particular company. Companies usually request notice in advance of drop-offs. Drop off at collection center may be half the price of pick up on dairy, say \$75 vs \$150 /cow. There may be additional charges for carcasses with more advanced decomposition.

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