

## **Breakdown on the CWT Buyout Program Announced**

294 herds were selected in the latest CWT buyout program. This represents 87,000 dairy cows and 3,200 heifers. These cows account for 1.8 million pounds of milk and averaged 20,800 pounds per cow.

The final numbers adding up to the 87,000 cows will be coming later. Here are some of the highlights.

- 73% of these herds are East of the Mississippi where 93 herds were accepted averaging 166 cows per herd for a total of 15,438 cows.

*Yet 70% of the cows are coming from the West and Southwest regions.*

- The Southwest had 41 herds accepted with an average of 817 cows per herd and a total of 33,497 cows.
- The Western region had 37 successful bids accepted at an average size herd of 743 cows totaling 27,491 cows.

The speculation is that lenders were encouraging some of the producers to bid.

*Those with accepted bids will be notified by August 31, the cows will be purple tagged and sent to market in short order.*



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