

NAHMS DAIRY 2014

Descriptive report / Euthanasia
section

Preliminary report

Percentage of operations that euthanized any cows/heifers

Very small <30	Small 30-99	Med 100-499	Large 500+	ALL
20.7%	56.4%	78.9%	96.8%	60.6%

Of the 60% that euthanized cattle, % of operations that had written guidelines

Small	Med	Large	ALL
8.4%	15.8%	48.5%	17.2%

For the 60% that euthanized, % of operations by method and by type of cattle

	preweaned	weaned	Cows
Gunshot	32.8%	38.2%	91.7%
Captive bolt	.3	.5	1.4
Lethal inj	2	2.3	5.9
Other	.3	.4	.5
This class			
not euthanized	60.6	54.8	.5

For the 60% that euthanized, % of operations by personnel performing euthanasia

	Small	Med	Large	ALL
Owner	75%	70.4%	58.6%	70.8%
manager/ herdsman	3.3	14	52.9	14.9
other employees	2.7	8.5	10.4	5.9
Veterinarian	7.7	13	19.6	11.4
Render Co.	17.2	18.6	13.6	17.1

