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According to Farm Action, dairy farms have grown increasingly consolidated with a small percentage of large operations producing the majority of the milk supply.

2.5% of dairies (the 834 dairy operations with more than 2,500 cows) produce nearly 45% of American raw milk annually.

Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) aggregates and markets around 30% of the country's raw milk from over 14,000 dairies.

The eight largest milk cooperatives together account for more than 54% of annual milk production.

Domestic Milk Processors CR4: 39-41%

DFA: 15%

Land O'Lakes: 10-12%

Saputo Inc.: 7%

Nestle: 7%

Fluid Milk Sales CR3: 83%

DFA: 39.1%

Land O'Lakes: 35.2%

California Dairies: 8.8%

Further concentration in the dairy industry threatens smaller dairy operations. Further placing control of our food and dairy supply in the hands of a few corporate operators threatens our food supply and our national security.

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