

1 **SUPPLEMENT:**

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3 **S1. Supplemental Methods**

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5 **S1.1 Population Sizes and Demographics**

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7 Housing “percent fullness” Scaling Factor

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9 For dairies with both water board reports and air quality reports (n=662), we calculated an
10 average percent fullness (pf) of dairy housing. This number is calculated as the number of
11 reported cattle (n_{WB}) over the number of cattle housing available ($nhousing_{AQ}$), for each housing
12 class i:

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$$pf_i = n_{WB,i} / nhousing_{AQ,i} . \quad (1)$$

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16 We use the percent fullness as a scaling factor to convert the cattle housing available into
17 estimates of the number of cattle in each class, for dairies with air quality reports but without
18 water board reports (n=265).

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$$n_i = nhousing_{AQ,i} * pf_i . \quad (2)$$

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22 Dairies without USDA Census data

23 For the counties which do not have cattle reported in the USDA Census data, but have
24 dairies with air quality and/or water quality reports, we assigned the number of cows to be the
25 average number of cows in the farms with water or air quality permits in that county. This
26 assumes that the farms with reports are representative of all farms in the county; however, the
27 water board data are skewed towards farms with over 500 cows and that were established before
28 2009, and air quality data are only available in the San Joaquin valley.

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$$n_i = mean(n_{AQ, county, i}, n_{WB, county, i}) . \quad (4)$$

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32 We used data from the county-wide California NASS from 2017 year to estimate the
33 number of cows in the counties did not have any farms with water board, air quality, or estimates
34 from the USDA Census data (35 counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt,
35 Imperial, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc,
36 Monterey, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis
37 Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama,
38 Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba). For these dairies, we individually assessed the number of dairies of
39 each size and estimated the number of cows as the average of each range in the county (see
40 supplemental methods and Supplemental Table 2).

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43 For the counties that didn't have any farms with water board, air quality data, and do not
44 have cow estimates from USDA census data (e.g. Santa Barbara and San Mateo), we
45 determined the number of farms with different levels of cows. Mono county had one dairy with
46 10-19 cows, so we assigned 15 cows to that dairy. The Santa Barbara dairy had 1600 cows,
47 which we determined from an internet search. In Yolo county, we determined that the UCD farm
48 had 105 cows. The remaining 3 dairies in Yolo county had 11 total cows, so we assigned 4 cows
49 to each of these dairies. In Imperial County, the USDA states that there are 2 dairies with 500+

50 cows; however, the VISTA database states that there are 22 farms. We assumed that this dairy
51 was divided into separate farms, and divided 1000 by 22 to estimate 45 cows per farm. For Los
52 Angeles county, the USDA states 1 dairy with 500+ cows, while the VISTA database includes 2
53 farms. To assign cow counts to these two farms, we divided 500/2 to estimate 250 cows per dairy.
54 In Modoc county, there were 2 dairies in the USDA Census with 1-9 cows; we assigned the
55 average, 5 cows, to each of the dairies in this county.

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60 **S1.2 Uncertainty analysis**

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62 S1.2.1 Facility level uncertainty

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64 n: We assume that the uncertainty in the cattle populations is 20%, as recommended by the
65 IPCC. For dairies with cattle permits, the water quality board assumes 15% uncertainty in
66 population (California Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2013). This uncertainty is likely an
67 underestimate, as there are likely dairies in VISTA that are no longer extant, due to the declining
68 dairy industry, and it is possible that there are dairies that exist that are not included in the
69 database. We do not expect the uncertainty to follow a normal distribution; rather there are likely
70 a few dairies where the estimates are far from correct.

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72 E1: The EPA 2017 reports the 95% confidence bounds as -11 to 18% of the mean enteric
73 emissions uncertainty at the national level (US EPA, 2017). We assume this is the same
74 uncertainty as the uncertainty in ef_1 at the facility level, as this is the only factor besides the
75 number of cows in this model. We convert 95% CI into SE by assuming that 95% CI = 3.92 * SE.

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77 E2: Hristov et al. 2017 provides the 95% confidence bounds as a % of the mean for the
78 parameters in the model (Hristov et al., 2017). For DMI, The confidence bounds are 34.4-35.1%
79 for DMI and 38.3-39.0% for ef_2 . We convert 95% CI into SE by assuming that 95% CI = 3.92 *
80 SE. Hristov:

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82 E3: CARB provides the minimum and maximum of DMI, NDF, and mf (Appuhamy, 2018). We
83 assume the range rule, which assumes a normally distributed population, such that SD =
84 (max-min)/4 and SE = SD/sqrt(n), and calculate SE based on n=77. The range rule works best
85 when data are normally distributed and n ~ 30. Error ranges are also provided for f_{DMI} , f_{NDF} , and
86 f_{mf} , which we assume to be standard error.

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88 M1: The IPCC states that the uncertainty range for emissions using regional MCF, Bo, and VS is
89 20%. We therefore assume 20% uncertainty in $CH_{4,m1}$ (Dong et al., 2006).

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91 M2: Hristov *et al.* (Hristov et al., 2017) report the 95% confidence bounds for manure
92 management to be 65%-63.3%, though their estimate includes swine and poultry in addition to
93 cattle. We convert 95% CI into SE by assuming that 95% CI = 3.92 * SE.

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95 M3: For manure method three, we assess the uncertainty in time on concrete, volatile solid
96 production, and methane conversion factors as described below. We propagate the error using
97 partial derivatives.

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99 *Time on concrete:* We estimated the standard error for time on concrete for freestall, nonfreestall
100 dairies, and for nonlactating animals from a report that provided time on concrete at four dairies in
101 the Central Valley (Meyer, 2019). We calculated standard error as the standard deviation divided
102 by the square root of the number of samples. For the freestall dairies (n=2), one dairy had 78.2%
103 time on concrete and the other dairy had 69.8% time on concrete. We calculated the mean and
104 standard error of these two measures of time on concrete, which were 74.0 +/- 26.2. For the
105 nonfreestall lanes (n=2), the two dairies had 31.0-37.0% time on concrete, which is the mean of
106 34.0% +/- 12.0 . For the nonlactating cows, the average time on concrete from the four facilities
107 were 26.5 +/- 7.6.

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109 *Volatile solid production:* To estimate the standard error in volatile solid production, we calculated
110 the mean and standard error of the VS production by lactating lactating cows and replacement
111 heifers using data from 2000-2012 from the CARB inventory (US EPA, 2017).

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113 *Methane Conversion Factor:* Owen and Silver 2014 report a field-derived methane conversion
114 factor of 84% +/- 44 (confidence intervals) from a total of 9 observations for lagoon storage and
115 2.9 +/- 2.5 from a total of 4 observations for solid storage (Owen & Silver, 2014). We convert the
116 confidence intervals into standard errors, and fractional uncertainty by dividing the error by the
117 estimate.

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119 f_{bed} : We estimate the standard error in the fraction of manure solids that are used as bedding to
120 be 100%, as some dairies may not use any manure solids for bedding, and others may use all
121 manure solids as bedding.

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125 **S1.2.2 Statewide uncertainty**

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127 Because of the large number of dairies, propagating the error throughout the state calculates an
128 improbably small statewide error. Therefore, we use previously published estimates for E1, E2,
129 M1, and M2. We use IPCC recommendations for E3 and M3 (Dong et al., 2006).

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131 E1: The EPA 2017 reports the 95% confidence bounds as -11 to 18% of the mean enteric
132 emissions uncertainty at the national level (US EPA, 2017). We assume this uncertainty is the
133 same in California as in the national scale. We convert 95% CI into SE by assuming that 95% CI
134 = 3.92 * SE.

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136 E2: Hristov et al. 2017 (Hristov et al., 2017) report the 95% confidence intervals of average
137 annual enteric emissions from the continental United States to be 15.6-16.9%. We assume this
138 uncertainty is the same in California as in the national scale. We convert 95% CI into SE by
139 assuming that 95% CI = 3.92 * SE.

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141 E3: The IPCC suggests using +/- 20% using Tier 2 methodology, which we assume is the
142 uncertainty for our statewide assessment (Dong et al., 2006).

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144 M1: The EPA reports -18 to 20% uncertainty for manure management CH₄ emissions, which we
145 use here (US EPA, 2017). We assume this uncertainty is the same in California as in the national
146 scale. We convert 95% CI into SE by assuming that 95% CI = 3.92 * SE.

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149 M2: Hristov et al. 2017 (Hristov et al., 2017) report the 95% confidence intervals of average
150 annual manure emissions from the continental United States to be -65.0 to 63.3%. We assume
151 this uncertainty is the same in California as in the national scale. We convert 95% CI into SE by
152 assuming that 95% CI = 3.92 * SE.

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154 M3: The IPCC suggests using +/- 30% as confidence intervals using Tier 2 methodology, which
155 we assume is the uncertainty for our statewide assessment (Dong et al., 2006).

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158 **S2. Supplemental Glossary**

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160 **S2.1 Classes of animals**

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162 **calf:** 0-6 month old cattle

163 **dry cow:** cattle that have calved that are not lactating; includes mature cows 15% of the time

164 **heifer:** 6-24 month old cattle

165 **lactating cow:** cattle that have calved that are lactating; includes mature cows 85% of the time

166 **mature cow:** cattle that have calved that may or may not be lactating

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169 **S2.2. Types of manure management**

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171 **anaerobic digester:** large containment system or covered lagoon designed for capturing
172 methane and carbon dioxide for use as fuel

173 **anaerobic lagoon:** designed storage system for stabilizing waste

174 **daily spread:** the collection of manure that is spread onto field or pasture within 24 hours of
175 deposition

176 **dry lot:** an open confined area, where manure may be removed occasionally

177 **pasture:** land covered in grass that the animals eat

178 **solid storage:** dried manure stored in unconfined stacks

179 **liquid/slurry:** manure stored with some water added, with a typical residence time of less than 1
180 year

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183 **S2.3.Variables**

184 B_o : maximum methane production capacity

185 $CH_{4,density}$: density of methane

186 CH_4 : methane

187 DMI: dry matter intake

188 dNDF: digestible neutral detergent fiber

189 ef_1 : emission factor associated with method E1

190 ef_2 : emission factor associated with method E2

191 f_{bed} : fraction of manure that is used as bedding

192 f_{DMI} : emissions factor for dry matter intake
 193 f_{lagoon} : fraction of manure that enters the lagoon
 194 f_{mf} : factor associated with milkfat
 195 f_{NDF} : factor associated with dNDF
 196 i : class of animal
 197 mf : milkfat content:
 198 MCF : methane conversion factor
 199 n_{AQ} : population of cattle included in AQ permits
 200 n_i : population of animal class i
 201 n_{USDA} : population of cattle in USDA NASS census
 202 n_{WB} : population of cattle included in RWQCB reports
 203 TOC : time on concrete
 204 $TOMP$: time in milking parlor
 205 VS : volatile solids

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208 **Table S1.** Manure partitioning. The time on concrete number includes the time in milking parlor.
 209 San Joaquin Valley, with air quality data

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| MCF | | SJV: with freestalls | SJV: No freestalls | North Coast | Southern |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| | Time in milking parlor (tomp) | 0.125 | 0.125 | 0.125 | 0.125 |
| | Time on concrete (toc) | 0.70 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 |
| 0.04 | Solid | 1-toc | 1-toc | 0 | 0 |
| 0.015 | Pasture | 0 | 0 | 1-toc | 0 |
| 0.731 | Lagoon | toc | toc | tomp | toc |
| 0.323 | Slurry | 0 | 0 | toc-tomp | 0 |
| 0.015 | Drylot | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-toc |

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215 **Table S2.** Number of farms and milk cows in database with permits, usda reports and in total
 216 database for each county (USDA NASS, 2017).

| County | npermit farm | Nvista farm | Nusda farm | Npermit cows | Nvista cows | Nusda cows |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Butte | 1 | 3 | 10 | 350 | 468 | (D) |
| Colusa | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 80 | 80 |
| Del Norte | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 6448 | 6452 |
| Fresno | 69 | 81 | 65 | 97006 | 102790 | 102796 |
| Glenn | 18 | 36 | 28 | 10908 | 15534 | 15533 |
| Humboldt | 0 | 63 | 96 | 0 | 23877 | 23894 |
| Imperial | 0 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | (D) |
| Kern | 50 | 53 | 41 | 129743 | 129794 | 116605 |
| Kings | 123 | 153 | 101 | 142929 | 173409 | 173404 |
| Lassen | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | <u>22</u> | <u>22</u> |
| Los Angeles | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | (D) |
| Madera | 41 | 46 | 34 | 67636 | 67661 | 66038 |
| Marin | 0 | 26 | 31 | 0 | 10894 | 10895 |
| Mendocino | 0 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 1180 | 1182 |
| Merced | 224 | 289 | 202 | 219505 | 272545 | 272534 |
| Modoc | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | (D) |
| Monterey | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1445 | 1445 |
| Placer | 1 | 2 | 25 | 340 | 946 | 946 |
| Riverside | 0 | 33 | 36 | 0 | 38049 | 38033 |
| Sacramento | 21 | 36 | 34 | 9351 | 16026 | 16027 |
| San Bernardino | 0 | 76 | 40 | 0 | 52592 | 52554 |
| San Diego | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 4328 | 4330 |
| San Joaquin | 93 | 129 | 97 | 74326 | 106366 | 106375 |
| San Luis Obispo | 0 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 256 | 256 |
| San Mateo | 0 | 1 | - | 0 | 10 | - |
| Santa Barbara | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1600 | (D) |
| Siskiyou | 0 | <u>3</u> | 15 | 0 | 1194 | 1193 |
| Solano | 1 | 2 | 8 | 610 | 611 | 22 |
| Sonoma | 0 | 68 | 125 | 0 | 33048 | 33059 |
| Stanislaus | 191 | 255 | 190 | 149032 | 183464 | 183496 |
| Sutter | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Tehama | 3 | 12 | 35 | 787 | 3253 | 3249 |
| Tulare | 269 | 312 | 235 | 416932 | 500395 | 500402 |
| Yolo | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 105 | (D) |
| Yuba | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1415 | 1417 | (D) |

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