

**VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS**

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**6 V.S.A. Chapter 152 Farm Inspection Report for Unpasteurized Milk Sales**

INSPECTION TYPE:  
START-UP  ROUTINE ANNUAL   
RE-INSPECTION  OTHER

PASS Yes  No  EXCLUDE   
FOOD SAFETY ISSUES Yes  No

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DAIRY FARM

APPROXIMATE REINSPECT DATE

**An Agency Dairy Inspector inspected your farm today for compliance with 6 V.S.A. Chapter 152. The inspection showed the items noted below are non-compliant. This report serves as notification to you of their noncompliance. Items marked as out must be corrected. For more information see the back of this inspection report. Please note that inspections to determine whether your farm complies with 6 V.S.A. Chapter 152 must be done by an official Agency Dairy Inspector.**

DATE	AGENCY DAIRY INSPECTOR	FARM REP.
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**Animal Health**

- 1a. Is farm under veterinarian care in / out N/D  
Name of veterinarian and practice \_\_\_\_\_
- 1b. TB tested as required and posted in / out
- 1c. Brucellosis tested as required and posted in / out
- 1d. Rabies vaccination completed and posted in / out
- 1e. Has adequate plans for proper testing of milk if animal is treated with drugs in / out N/A N/D

**Quality records**

- 2a. Lab results for bi-monthly testing posted (Tier II only) in / out N/A
- 2b. Has last year on file or understands one year needs to be on file if initial inspection (Tier II only) in / out N/A N/D
- 2c. Has last 14 days of samples properly taken and stored or if initial inspection understands they need to be taken and stored (Tier II only) in / out N/D

**Sanitation**

- 3a. Udders and teats clean and sanitized prior to milking in / out
- 3b. Animals housing clean and dry in / out
- 3c. Milking system sanitary construction in / out
- 3d. Milking system properly cleaned and sanitized in / out
- 3e. Milking area clean in / out
- 3f. Water supply tested, passed and posted in / out
- 3g. Water system protected from contamination in / out
- 3h. Containers clean in / out N/D
- 3i. Adequate facilities to clean and sanitize equipment and containers in / out N/D
- 3j. Milk cooled to below 40°F within 2 hours of milking in sanitary fashion and held there through delivery in / out N/D
- 3k. Containers filled in sanitary fashion in / out N/D
- 3l. Clean area to fill containers in / out N/D
- 3m. Does farm empty, clean and sanitize bulk milk container daily?  
If answer to 3m. is "no," does farm have a log posted in a prominent place that includes time that milking, cleaning and sanitizing occurs yes / no in / out N/A

**Labels and signage**

- 4a. Labels have proper information  
(date milk harvested, farm name, address with zip code, warnings of proper minimum size) in / out N/D
- 4b. Informational signage posted in prominent place and of proper font size in / out
- 4c. Milk in storage labeled with a milk harvested date no more than 4 days old in / out N/D

**Records**

- 5a. Customer list complete (customer name, address, phone number, email when available) in / out N/D
- 5b. Transaction list complete (customer name, date of sale and amount purchased) in / out N/D

**Miscellaneous**

- 6a. Tours offered to customers in / out N/D
- 6b. If delivering does farm have adequate plan to maintain milk at below 40°F in / out N/A N/D
- 6c. What is total quarts sold over last 7 days \_\_\_\_\_
- 6d. What is highest daily volume sold \_\_\_\_\_
- 6e. Farm has storage capacity to keep volume of milk noted in 6d cold in a sanitary and efficient manner at one time in / out

**Water test results**

Date of test \_\_\_\_\_ pass / fail

## Comments

**Inspection of your farm is done to assure the public that your farm is operating in compliance with Vermont dairy law. Your inspector will leave the inspection report in the milk house or with you or your farm representative. If possible, your inspector will review the report with you or your farm representative at the end of the inspection.**

**Items that are marked as out or fail must be corrected. If food safety issues are observed, then your farm must stop selling milk immediately. See Food Safety Issues section below. If you have any questions, please call your Agency Dairy Inspector:**

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### Inspection

Once the Agency learns that a farm is selling unpasteurized milk, an Agency Dairy Inspector will inspect the farm to see if it is operating in compliance with 6 V.S.A. Chapter 152. Subsequent inspections will be conducted as needed. Once the farm is in compliance, inspection will occur on an annual basis.

### Violations

If the Agency Dairy Inspector observes Items that are substantially out of compliance, the inspection will be noted as not passing and the Agency Dairy Inspector will write the approximate re-inspection date for each Item in the Comments section above. If Items have different re-inspection dates, inspection will take place after the closest date for re-inspection. Items with a later re-inspection date observed to be out of compliance at that time will be debited but no action will be taken on them until their re-inspection date.

### Repeat Violations

Upon re-inspection, if the noted Items are not corrected, the Agency will issue to the farm a notice of violation with a proposed monetary penalty of not less than \$250.00 per violation and not more than \$25,000.00 of total penalties. The farm may request a hearing on the notice of violation. Upon receipt of the notice of violation, the farm must stop selling unpasteurized milk until it receives written notification from the Agency that it can start selling unpasteurized milk again.

### Inappropriate Sales

Vermont dairy law only allows a farm to sell unpasteurized (or raw) milk for personal consumption. It does not allow a farm to sell unpasteurized milk to restaurants or commercial entities. It does not allow a farm to sell milk products (like cheese) without a 6 V.S.A. Chapter 151 Milk Handler License. It requires that milk products for sale are made in an Agency-inspected facility. If a farm is found selling unpasteurized milk into commerce or selling unpasteurized milk products without a Chapter 151 Milk Handler License, the farm must stop immediately or any violation may be multiplied by the number of days it continues to sell after it received notice to stop. Examples of selling "into commerce" include selling in or to stores, farmer markets, or restaurants. If a farm continues to sell after receiving a written warning, the Agency will issue a notice of violation with a proposed penalty of not less than \$500.00 per product and not more than \$25,000.00 in total penalties. The farm may request a hearing on the notice of violation. Upon receipt of the notice of violation, the farm must stop selling unpasteurized milk upon receiving the notice of violation until it receives written notification from the Agency that it can start selling unpasteurized milk again.

### Food Safety Issues

If the Agency Dairy Inspector observes Items that are substantially out of compliance with Vermont dairy law and the Agency determines that this substantial noncompliance presents a food safety issue under 6 V.S.A. § 21, the Agency will notify the farm that it must immediately stop selling unpasteurized milk. The farm must not sell unpasteurized milk until it receives written notification from the Agency that it can start selling unpasteurized milk again.

**Please note that for your farm to meet inspection requirements of 6 V.S.A. Chapter 152, inspection must be conducted by an Agency Dairy Inspector.**