

# Connecticut Department of Agriculture

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### New Milk Producer Procedures and Information

Any person, firm or company who intends to produce milk which is disposed of off the producing farm, must meet the following conditions before a license is issued:

- Floor plan of the milking center including placement of drains, sinks, tanks, restroom(s) and cleaning systems. Plot plan that includes placement of water supply, milking center and housing for milking animals.
- The water supply must be inspected, tested, and approved.
- Animals used to produce milk must satisfy all animal health regulations.

In the case of retail raw milk, in addition to the above:

- Floor plan must also include the placement of the filler, if required.
- Source and type of packaging, tamper evident, approved.
- Inhibitor (antibiotic) testing requirements must be satisfied and approved.
- Labels approved.
  - The name of the food "Raw Cow's Milk", "Raw Sheep Milk" or "Raw Goat's Milk", as is appropriate.
  - The name, address and zip code of the producing farm.
  - Net amount of the contents.
  - Consumer advisory statement "Raw milk is not pasteurized, pasteurization destroys organisms that may be harmful to human health."
  - The words "Sell by" and a last sale date calculated by adding a maximum of (7) days to the date the milk is bottled.
- Approval will be granted when:
  - Facilities are inspected and approved.
  - two (2) samples taken on separate days meet all the quality standards for retail raw milk; and
  - A satisfactory result is obtained from a pathogen screening sample. (done at the same time as the above)

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- Pathogens or the presence of inhibitors found during routine testing will result in a stop sale notice and possible recall of any product in commerce.

Herd share exemption from registration pursuant to Public Act No. 15-101.

- **All milk** produced on the farm is transferred only to individuals who have entered into shared ownership agreement(s) of the milk producing animals.
- In return for payment or reimbursement for the care and boarding of milk producing animal(s) located on the farm, the individuals who are party to the shared ownership agreements receive a share of raw milk produced by the milk producing animal(s) in which they have an ownership interest.
- [Signed and dated affidavit](#) attesting to the above on file with the department.

Link to DoAg regulations:

[Inspection and Regulation - Milk Regulations of Connecticut Department of Agriculture](#)

Prior to application to become licensed, a prospective licensee should contact the department to schedule a pre-inspection of your establishment. At that time inspectors from the department can advise and work with you on compliance during the construction or remodel phase.

To schedule a pre-inspection please contact the department at (860) 713-2508 or email [AGR.SVCS@ct.gov](mailto:AGR.SVCS@ct.gov) (Regulatory Services).