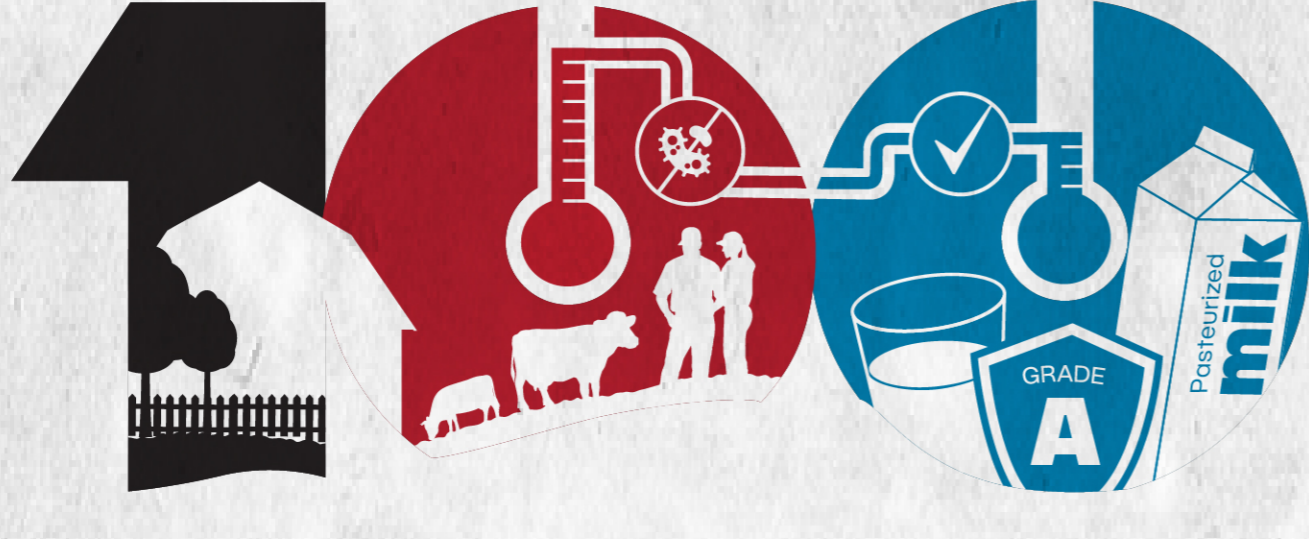


# 100 Years of Milk & Dairy Safety



Today, milk is one of the safest foods we can consume. For every two billion servings of pasteurized milk or milk products consumed in the U.S., less than one person gets sick! We may take this safety for granted today – but milk was not always so safe.

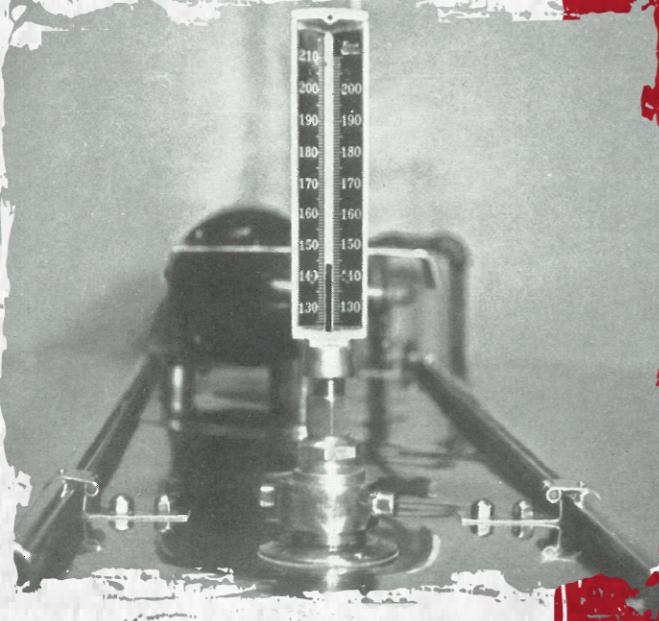
In the early 1900s, milk safety was not well understood nor was it consistently applied on farms and in dairy plants.

As cities grew and the population became more urban, keeping milk safe over long distances became a challenge.



City scene in the early 1900's.

The Standard Milk Ordinance began in 1924, by the U.S. Public Health Service and was driven by science and strong leadership.



Pasteurization indicating thermometer.

The regulation created the basis for a uniform system for regulating milk across different state, city, and county jurisdictions.

In June 1950, the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) held its first conference.



Child opening milk carton from New Story of Milk (1956).

In 1977, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration signed a formal agreement with NCIMS to create the structure that we have today.



Shopper choosing a gallon of milk from supermarket shelf.

It's safe to say that millions of lives have been and continue to be protected.



Family dairy farm collection and transportation of milk.

One out of every four foodborne illnesses was directly related to dairy consumption.



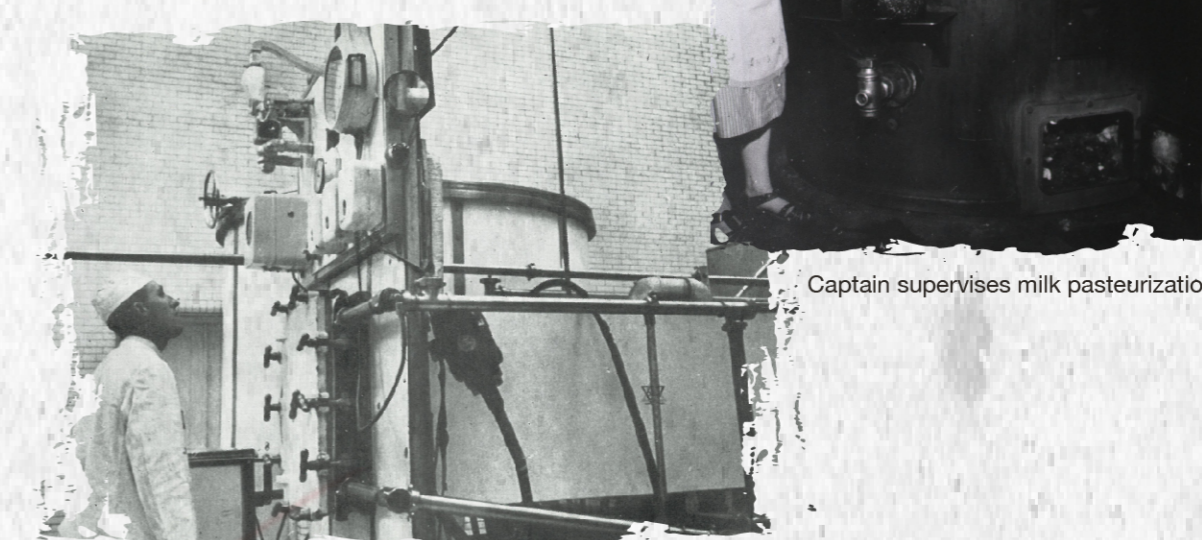
Inspection of dairy being delivered by horse-drawn cart.



Inspection inside a creamery in Baltimore - Washington, D.C. area.

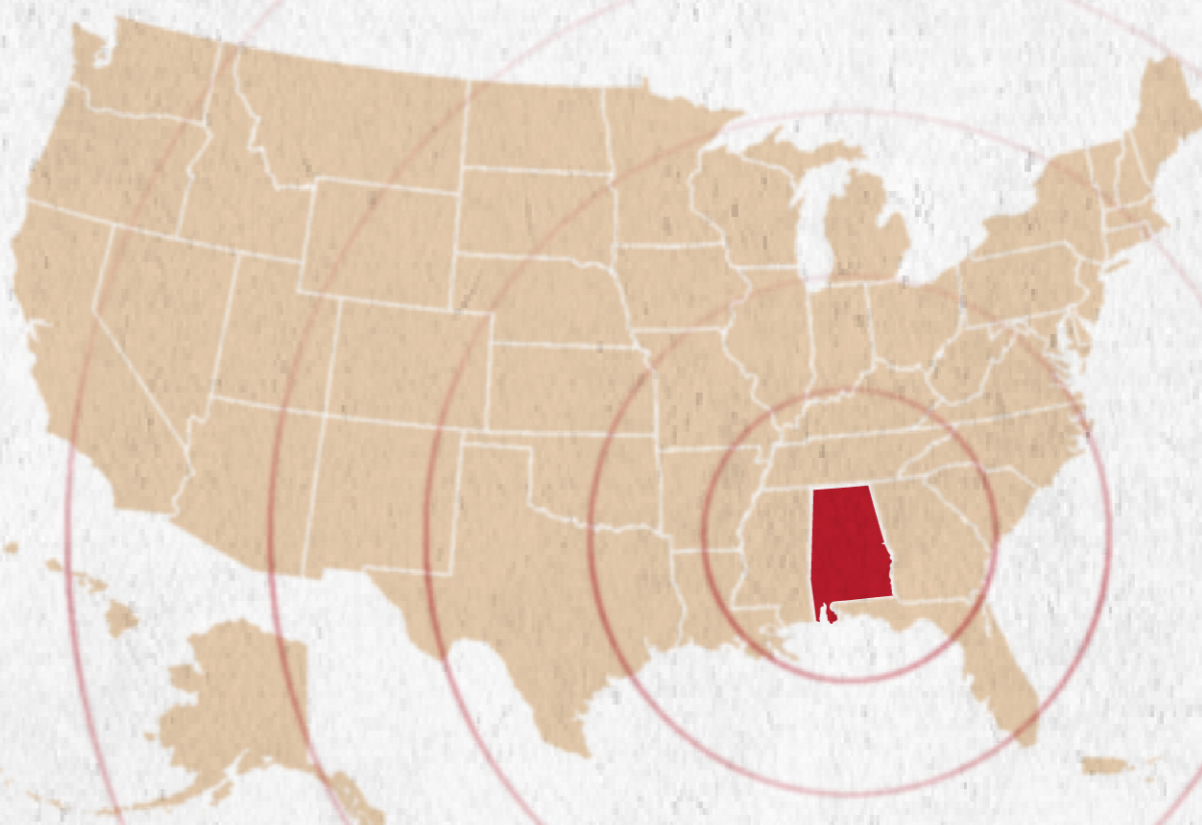


Dairy Laboratory Bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D.C.



Captain supervises milk pasteurization.

Alabama became the first state to adopt the milk ordinance in 1924. Support spread across the country until all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico had adopted the ordinance.



Scientist inspecting milk products from New Story of Milk (1956).

NCIMS goal for the conference was to bring all states together to continue developing uniform and effective milk safety programs.



U.S. Public Health Service officer inspects milk cartons.



Meeting with federal, state and dairy industry partners.

This structure partners the federal and state governments with the dairy industry to ensure the safety of our nation's milk supply.



U.S. semi tanker truck transporting milk.



Child drinking milk from cup.

**Pasteurized Milk Ordinance Centennial**  
We can thank the 1924 Standard Milk Ordinance and those who championed it, for ensuring that milk and other dairy products produced in the United States are among the safest in our nation, and the world.

For more information on Pasteurized Milk Ordinance Centennial, visit: <https://www.fda.gov/milk100>

