

# Comment Report

SSB 3126

A bill for an act relating to milk and associated products, by providing for certain items relating to milk to be transferred directly by operators of dairy farms, providing for the labeling of unpasteurized and ungraded milk and products, and making penalties applicable.

Subcommittee Members: Schultz-CH, Bisignano, Sinclair

Date: 02/14/2022

Time: 02:30 PM

Location: Room G15

**Name:** Joshua Wheeler

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk In the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Melanie Henderson

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want raw milk in our great State. It is important to be able to both support our local dairy farms and also be allowed to purchase things as such that we have at our resource level that are healthy for our families of we so choose.

**Name:** Mayara Carneiro

**Comment:** SUPPORT SSB3126 I grew up on raw milk, fresh from my grandpa's farm. I believe there is nothing as nutritious or delicious as real, raw A2A2 milk from pastured cows. Once the milk is heated in the pasteurization process, the enzymes and nutrients are destroyed. Moreover, decriminalizing the sale of real milk benefits small family farmers and supports the local economy.

**Name:** Marisa Messer

**Comment:** I want to be able to purchase raw milk. Please make it legal to do so!

**Name:** Tess Kinzle

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**Name:** Gabriel DeLapp

**Comment:** I am a consumer and Our family would like access to raw milk. Iowa is one of 5 states that still prevent its sale. There are nutrients and good bacteria that are destroyed with pasteurization and homogenization. When we travel to other states we have enjoyed and appreciated the ability to drink raw milk. Local small scale farmers care very much for their animals and are very clean and conscientious about how they handle the milk and clean their facilities. In a time where markets are dominated by the big players and the lobbies and interest groups, we should give farmers the ability to sell to their local community. It can be hard to make a profit for small farmers and this could help them support their families. For the amount of goat and dairy farms this would also help agri tourism as those visiting farms from out of the area would be able to purchase a glass or a gallon or two of milk from some farms. For a small business owner, and family with 8 children, please listen to our voice.

**Name:** Karen Ahrenhoktz

**Comment:** I am a consummate and want access to purchasing raw milk.

**Name:** Theodore White

**Comment:** I for one grew up using raw milk and miss the benefit of consuming it!

**Name:** Janene Wittmayer

**Comment:** I would like access to raw milk and its products.

**Name:** Jamie Wise

**Comment:** I support this bill. Now, more than ever we should be empowering people to obtain fresh local foods and supporting our local farmers and economy. Further, the ultra processing of milk available in the store, which does make it safe and available to some, excludes others who cannot digest milk or milk products after all of the good bacteria and enzymes are killed. Not having a legal source of raw milk deprives some Iowans of the ability to access and consume a nutritious food.

**Name:** Aleesha Thompson

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk In the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Heather D

**Comment:** Let us govern ourselves. You deal with true criminals. We should be allowed to purchase goods from Our fellow man as we see fit. Take us back to the constitution.

**Name:** Whitney Stevens

**Comment:** I am an Iowa resident and very much want the right to purchase and or acquire raw milk to consume in the state of Iowa. I have consumed raw milk by driving to Nebraska for 13 years now. It is something I consider essential for our health and without it and the enzymes and nutrients which it provides in our diets, other pasteurized dairy makes us sick. 70% of all nutrients in milk and all enzymes and good bacteria are lost in the pasteurization process. Most of what is left cannot be used without the missine key enzymes and nutrients to process it. Also, A1 milk is a mutation that most cannot digest, so raw A2 milk it the super food missing in our American diets.

**Name:** Zac Ahrenholtz

**Comment:** I would like to consume raw milk and I think Iowa should legalize its sale.

**Name:** Jo-Ann Bargaquast

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to purchasing raw milk. I believe that many of the health issues that we have been facing over the years is how our foods are processed. I can't believe that iowa is still banning the sale of raw milk. I grew up on a farm,in Iowa,raised on raw milk. I believe in supporting our state dairy producers. Raw milk would be on my grocery list.

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**Name:** Annette Winger

**Comment:** Iowa should be FOR our farmers, small and large! Please lift this law against farmers selling their raw milk.Annette Winger

**Name:** Keela Moats

**Comment:** I loved milking and drinking raw milk from our cow growing up. I would love the opportunity for myself and my family to be able to purchase and consume raw milk again!

**Name:** K Young

**Comment:** I would love to be able to purchase raw milk for my family for all the nutritional purposes, plus to help out local dairy farmers around me.

**Name:** Karel Beltman

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to purchasing raw milk. I want the freedom to buy what I want.

**Name:** Jennifer Leonhard

**Comment:** I was first introduced to raw milk when I was away at college, most other states allow raw milk sales. I miss the nutrients and health benefits of raw milk. Please support this bill.

**Name:** Tiffany Tott

**Comment:** I am a consumer, and I am in favor of making the sale of raw milk legal in Iowa! This would be so good for our local economies!

**Name:** Regan Hage

**Comment:** I am an Iowan who would love to see this bill passed!

**Name:** Luke Winkelman

**Comment:** Having been raised on an Iowa farm, and having consumed raw dairy my entire life, it is an affront to be required to leave the state to purchase food that I could be buying from my neighbor. Iowas arcane restriction on raw dairy questions the intelligence of consumers and is frankly insulting. Please consider making raw dairy available from our Iowa farmers!

**Name:** Billie Mcneil

**Comment:** I would be ecstatic if my family could purchase raw milk. There is risk and we all know that; there is risk purchasing anything from a grocery store or restaurant as well. I personally just got over salmonella from meat at Walmart and have also gotten other food poisoning from fast food on more occasions than I can even remember. It is primitive to keep the sale of raw milk illegal. It would greatly help our farmers.

**Name:** Kelsey Wolfe

**Comment:** I would love to see this come to Iowa. I am in support of this bill.

**Name:** Kyle McNeil

**Comment:** I would like to purchase raw milk product as well. I think it would help local dairy farms being able to sell directly also. There should be some regulation on it so that no one that doesn't know what they are doing sells it and gets people sick.

**Name:** Jonathan Kaiser

**Comment:** I want access to raw milk.

**Name:** Rachel Marass

**Comment:** I fully support this bill! Raw milk is extremely healthy and it would support local farmers if it was legal!!! Pass this bill in Iowa!!!

**Name:** Donna Winkowitsch

**Comment:** I am in favor of selling raw milk and raw milk products in the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Kortnie Janssen

**Comment:** I am in support of SSB 3126. I would love to be able to purchase raw milk in Iowa for my family and to support our local farmers in the process of doing so.

**Name:** Chelsea Eggleston

**Comment:** I am a consumer and would love to be able to have better access to raw milk for not only my family but for everyone! I am very sensitive to heavily processed dairy, which is everything sold in stores. It takes all of the good nutrients, vitamins and proteins out of the milk and leaves children and adults with basically nothing nutritional. Raw milk and raw milk products are the only dairy that does not upset my stomach. Please allow this to be available for Iowans!!

**Name:** Nick Kuhle

**Comment:** As a consumer and lover of dairy, raw milk should be available to all in the state of Iowa!

**Name:** Rose Kuhl

**Comment:** I am an Iowan who supports the sale of raw milk.

**Name:** Angela Duff

**Comment:** I am in favor of selling raw milk and raw milk products in the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Kathryn Heilesen

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want raw milk in our great State. It is important to be able to both support our local dairy farms and also be allowed to purchase things as such that we have at our resource level that are healthy for our families if we so choose.

**Name:** Paul Hirschler

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk in the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Stephanie Van Vleet

**Comment:** I am an Iowan and would love the opportunity to be able to purchase raw milk. I would love to be able to support our local dairy farmers (who are struggling) where the sale of their milk directly benefits them and keeps their money local, rather than going to some large corporation. We should very carefully consider why several surrounding states allow the sale of raw milk but we do not. Please hear Citizens on this matter, not corporations. God bless.

**Name:** Marie Hirschler

**Comment:** I am an Iowan & live close enough to Nebraska that I can thankfully get raw milk for my family! Iowa needs to make it legal for families that desire the health benefits of raw milk to have the opportunity to search out these sources in their communities. Please make this decision available to the Iowan families!

**Name:** KateLynne Hirschler

**Comment:** I am an Iowan who loves milk, and raw milk is the best kind. Please make this option available in our state.

**Name:** Karen Ahrenholtz

**Comment:** SUPPORT SSB 3126 I am an Iowan consumer and grew up on raw milk. It was milked daily and we drank it fresh from the cows on our family farm. It was nutritious as well as delicious. The only milk we can now consume has been heated in the pasteurization process which destroys natural good bacteria essential for good gut health. Iowa is only 1 of 5 states left in the nation that does not allow its citizens to purchase raw milk. I believe it is time to change that law so we all have the choice

to purchase the foods we feel are the healthier choice for our families. Please support SSB 3126 Thank you.

**Name:** Courtney Vonnahme

**Comment:** I am a consumer and would like the ability to purchase raw milk, both for the health benefits raw milk possesses as well as for the ability to support local small dairy farmers.

**Name:** Eliana Hirschler

**Comment:** We should have the right to pick for ourselves, because personally I prefer my raw milk.

**Name:** Jonathan Patton

**Comment:** I am an Iowan who has a milk cow on our land so our family can consume raw milk. Before we began to consume raw milk from a small Nebraska dairy farm, many of my children had adverse affects to pasteurized and homogenized milk from the store. Our health has greatly improved due to the health benefits of consuming raw milk from a healthy cow that is raised and milked in sanitary conditions.I would love very much to be able to sell safe and delicious raw milk to my neighbors and community.

**Name:** Kelly Kimball

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk In the state of Iowa.02112022

**Name:** DeAnn Nielsen

**Comment:** I raise and milk dairy goats for my own personal use. I would like to be able to buy raw cows milk to make butter. I can only tolerate raw milk. I am lucky because I live on an acreage but others may need raw milk but can not own their own animals. Giving Iowans the choice to do what they feel is best for their health is freedom.

**Name:** Mackenzie Leroy

**Comment:** I tried Families raw Milk and it was the only milk I could tolerate. I support this bill.

**Name:** Joylynn DeFord

**Comment:** I support this bill!

**Name:** Melissa Kelley

**Comment:** As a resident of Iowa I would like the opportunity to purchase raw milk as I did before moving to the state.

**Name:** Becky Gafford

**Comment:** I am an Iowan and I grew up on raw milk at my grandpas farm. As a farmers wife, I fully support local farm products, the freedom for Iowans to choose their food, and to sell their farm products to their neighbors.

**Name:** Claire Petersen

**Comment:** As a consumer I want access to raw dairy products. I want food freedom and farm to table choices for my family.

**Name:** Cheryl Bieker

**Comment:** I have wanted to purchase raw milk for my family ever since learning of the health benefits. Please make this super food easily available to consumers.

**Name:** Alex North

**Comment:** I am an Iowan and I firmly believe we should have access to raw milk and its products. Please make this possible!

**Name:** Alayna Musich

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**Name:** Macie Ferguson

**Comment:** As a consumer I want access to raw dairy products. I strongly believe in the ability to make a choice for our families health the extent of processing the products we consume.

**Name:** Chris Hoffman

**Comment:** Please allow raw milk into Iowa. I ddank raw milk all tbe time growing up on the farm. The nutritional value is excellent. Our family never ever had any issues with it. Would be great. Thank you!

**Name:** Cinda Dixon

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk In the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Patricia Ahrenholtz

**Comment:** Please support Iowa farmers by allowing Iowans to purchase raw milk for their families. Supporting local farmers and providing nutritious milk for consumers is a win win situation for the people of our amazing state.

**Name:** Keith Lo

**Comment:** Support. I would like to be able to purchase raw milk locally, supporting family farms. We love the taste and the health benefits of having the nutrients and enzymes intact.

**Name:** Eileen Dannemann

**Comment:** Equity and Diversity for Agriculture: the National Coalition of Women in Iowa support equity and diversity programs for agriculture. If schools and institutions are supporting equity and diversity for humans..Iowa, the premier AG state can lead the way and support equity and diversity in farming.We support SSB 3126

**Name:** JORDANNE FRY

**Comment:** I would love to be able to get raw milk in our state. Please consider legalizing for the many Iowans who support this!

**Name:** June Varner

**Comment:** I was raised on a small dairy farm in New York during WWII and helped milk the cows, drank the fresh milk and generously used the butter we made from the cream. Life led me to Iowa where for some years my husband and I had a foster home for teenage boys some of whom had behavior issues. I joined a coop with an area farmer and got five gallons of whole fresh milk every week. Next life led me to Minnesota where I began farming again. Minnesota Constitution allowed producers to sell fresh milk direct from their farms. Again I was able to get fresh whole milk from local producers. I moved back to New York ten years ago to be closer to family. I have not been able to find a close source of fresh milk so I no longer drink milk at all. In all those years fresh milk never made me sick, it probably helped me to reach my 80's. I am very active, still gardening, no pains and don't need/take any meds. Iowa, wake up, let people restore their health with real,fresh milk AND,AND support local real sitonthetractor farmers once again.

**Name:** Julie Sulc

**Comment:** When we lived in Philadelphia, my daughter was unable to consume milk. So, after reading up, I learned that some people are able to consume raw milk, but not ultra pasteurized milk. We tried it and, sure enough, she was able to tolerate raw milk that was regulated and sold by local farmers at farmers markets. That experience has taught me the value of raw milk. Because that is not an option, we don't even buy cow's milk currently because 2 of 4 out of our household cannot tolerate dairy. Instead we buy almond milk or other substitutes. I wish we had more options in Iowa.

**Name:** Anna Grell

**Comment:** I can purchase enough alcohol or cigarettes to kill myself if I so wish to do so. It is my choice because I live in America. I can not buy raw milk or dairy products and I am told it is for my safety. How absurd this reason truly is. My grandpa and uncles were dairy farmers that sold fabulous, nutrient dense milk. No one ever became ill from grandpas milk, because he took pride in his farm and his family all drank the same milk he sold. There was no need to pasteurize his milk. These large dairy producers are pushing out the authentic, wholesome farmers that actually care about what they sell. I have 2 children that can not tolerate pasteurized milk or dairy products.. We have to purchase almond and oat milk products instead. I, as an American, should have the option to purchase raw milk in my state of Iowa. When we have purchased raw milk while visiting family in states that do allow the sale of raw milk, all of my children can actually drink the raw milk without getting a runny nose, excessive phlegm, constipation, drowsiness, and body rashes. Please stop allowing theses large corporations to control your vote, and control our buying options and health. Thank you for your time. May God bless you abundantly for doing His will.

**Name:** SJ Sweeny

**Comment:** I am an Iowa consumer and would love to be able to have the right to choose raw milk for my family. Please allow us to have the right to make that choice. Thank you!

**Name:** Donna Prizgintas

**Comment:** Making the sale of Raw milk available in Iowa would bring financial benefit to smaller milk producers. It has been legalized with very good bacterial count standards in many other states with no averse health consequences and has proven to be a helpful market for Dairy farmers wishing to serve this market. Our state dairy industry is loosing numbers of family operated dairy operations and this could possibly be helpful to some farmers and consumers seem to want it. Thank you for your consideration.

**Name:** Sherre Johnson

**Comment:** Hello! I ardently ask you to legalize the sale of raw milk in the state of Iowa. My husband and I have six children. Several of them are mildly allergic to milk purchased in the store. I would greatly appreciate it if we could purchase fresh raw milk in Iowa! Thank you.

**Name:** Molly Petersen

**Comment:** I support this bill. I am very interested in the opportunity to buy raw milk legally.

**Name:** Graciella Zogbi

**Comment:** Raw milk is highly prized in ancient Natural Health Sciences especially Ayurveda and Chinese Medicine. It is an elixir for health and longevity. When properly prepared and boiled with spices, Raw milk is nourishing to all the 7 tissues of the body within 24 hours whereas all other foods require a month to metabolize. It is the best medicine for a strong immune system. Also for strong bones and teeth and good fertility. Raw milk is a precious elixir for both young and old.when properly boiled with spices. It is time to make this precious food and medicine available in raw form

in Iowa. This legislature is way overdo.

**Name:** Paul Morehead

**Comment:** Raw milk from healthy cows can be extremely nutritious. I teach natural health care and this important food has been excluded far too long. Processed milk is more difficult to digest and not as healthy. Thank you for restoring this important food for the health of Iowans.

**Name:** Renita Torneten

**Comment:** I would love the freedom to purchase raw milk in Iowa. People are allowed to make their own decisions when it comes to all kinds of products in the marketplace and this should be one of them. Thank you

**Name:** Annette Abusharkh

**Comment:** Our family supports this bill. We should have the freedom to choose. It really does not make logical sense that most other states allow the sale of raw milk. If it was a true health hazard then we would have constant outbreaks in these other states. So what is really the reason why Iowa is one of the few that restricts it's people ability to choose raw milk? It's not about safety, it's about money and corporations being allowed to govern the rights of Iowans. We, the people of Iowa, want the ability to choose for ourselves what we put into our bodies. And many of us already don't use pasteurized dairy from the corporations that absolutely do not care about us. We choose to go without milk versus using a dead pasteurized product with no real nutritional value. Raw milk helped in part of the healing of some of my children. We have experienced the healing and health that can come from drinking raw dairy. We can drink it at family in South Dakota but can't drink it in our own homes. Something is not right here in the state of Iowa. Please support this bill!

**Name:** Vickie Buettner

**Comment:** In regards to the bill SSB3126 scheduled before you, I commend those who have the foresight to see all the positive changes this could have; not only for dairy farmers here within this state, but also the positive changes for ALL consumers. I can only hope that when each of you are voting you vote FOR the changes made in the wording TO INCLUDE the sale of RAW MILK and RAW MILK PRODUCTS and the labeling of said products by the dairy farmers here in this state! We the people, SHOULD be able to make healthier choices for our families and ourselves when it comes to the food products we consume. Raw milk and raw milk products have many more beneficial attributes than what we as consumers are given today in this state. PLEASE Give us a healthier choice than what we have right now! THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for educating yourselves on the benefits of consuming raw milk and raw milk products not only for our milk producers, but also for all consumers BEFORE you vote!

**Name:** Alyssa Troll

**Comment:** I moved to Iowa recently and was shocked that I wasn't able to get raw milk here. Everywhere else I've lived it was legal and I have consumed it since I was very young. I believe it should be our choice, as it is with many other things, what we want to put in our bodies. Please give us the choice.

**Name:** Christina Kessinger

**Comment:** Please legalize raw milk in the great state of Iowa. Scientific research on the benefits of raw milk is ubiquitous. Raw milk is safe and beneficial to the human body. Personally, we have consumed raw milk and raw dairy products for 17 years with no negative health effects. We have received only positive health outcomes from the consumption of raw dairy in our family. Both of our children were raised on raw dairy, and they are healthy vibrant teenagers. The pasteurization of raw dairy negates and kills its beneficial properties. It's about time the legalization of raw milk and



dairy be approved. People should have the opportunity to choose for themselves what they eat and drink. Governments should not mandate that only store bought pasteurized homogenized milk and dairy products be consumed. Prior to pasteurization and homogenization, for thousands of years, dairy has been consumed raw with no ill health effects. Dairy in many parts of the world is still consumed raw. Some of the healthiest ethnic groups in Africa who experience no western diseases or illness consume raw dairy on a daily basis. Choice is important. Let the consumer choose to buy raw dairy legally. We are an educated society and with that education people should be able to make sound and reasoned purchasing decisions. It's time to legalize raw dairy in Iowa.

**Name:** Earl Hackley

**Comment:** Have heard many good things about raw milk from practitioners in the holistic health community. Would love to have it available here in Iowa.

**Name:** Koriann Iliff

**Comment:** I want to be feeding my family raw milk so badly! Please make it legal!

**Name:** Kendra Bunger

**Comment:** I would definitely like the opportunity to buy raw milk and support our local dairy farmers.

**Name:** Bryce Moats

**Comment:** I would like the choice to give my family raw milk. Giving people a choice is the right thing to do.

**Name:** Sady DeLapp

**Comment:** I am a consumer of raw milk and would love to have the opportunity to purchase raw milk. Thank you so much!

**Name:** MARILYN BARNES

**Comment:** I am and Iowan and in favor of legalizing the sale of raw milk in our state. I believe it would benefit the health of many Iowans and also be of economic benefit to the small dairy farmer. I drank raw milk as a child and my family did when my boys had dairy cows in 4H.

**Name:** Jean Tobin

**Comment:** Yes! Iowans should have the right to purchase raw milk!!!! Thank you!!!

**Name:** Tiffany Lloyd

**Comment:** Iowa needs to grant access to raw milk.

**Name:** David Ballou

**Comment:** I favor passage of this bill. People should have this choice.

**Name:** Deenie Burns

**Comment:** I support free enterprise and the option for consumers to have free will and choice.

**Name:** Tony Camero

**Comment:** Who the fuck are YOU to "regulate" how free. People decide to interact with natural substances. This is a farce. It's everyone's Constitutional Right, God given not government granted, to have raw milk. A time is coming where these coloroflaw codes are going to bite you in the ass.

**Name:** Einar Olsen

**Comment:** Senators Jason Schultz, Adrian Dickey, and other Iowa Senators, Thank you Senator

Schultz for introducing legislation for the legalization of raw milk, and thank you Senator Dickey and other Iowa Senators for your allowing for consideration of this proposed bill. Thank you all for allowing and considering comments on proposed legislation. More diversity and equity is needed on all levels of government muni, county, state, and federal. This is important to my wife Mary Cathryn, many of our friends, and to me. Mary Cathryn and I would appreciate your consideration of this bill, as it would allow for more diversity, equity, and other similar values in agriculture. Since Iowa is perhaps the leading ag state or province on the globe, Iowa has an opportunity to lead the world in educating the world in the understanding of why raw milk is safe and healthy, and in passing legislation to making the availability of raw milk legal. Thank you very much for your consideration of this proposed bill, and for allowing comments on proposed legislation. Einar and Mary Cathryn Olsen, Jefferson County, IA

**Name:** Ed Coenen

**Comment:** I would definitely support any effort to make raw milk products available to the buying public. I'm surprised that Iowa is one of the few states that doesn't allow it, considering Iowa is supposed to be so pro farmer and dairy. It should be a personal choice given to the buying public.

**Name:** wendy stegall

**Comment:** Raw milk should never have been made illegal in the first place and I applaud you for bringing this bill to the legislature. I am very much in favor of access to raw milk products so we don't have to go out of state.

**Name:** Sonya Swan

**Comment:** I support this bill. Consumers in Iowa have been asking for the right to purchase raw milk, both goat and cow, for over 20 years now. There are only 5 states that do not allow for the purchase raw milk. It's legal in retail stores in at least 11 states. It's time to support our small farmers who would like to provide this product to consumers who would like to purchase this product. We are losing dollars out of our economy as consumers are getting their products out of state. Many consumers enjoy purchasing local products produced by farmers they know.

**Name:** sherry hittle

**Comment:** I am a consumer and would appreciate the opportunity to purchase raw milk in the state of Iowa. Raw milk has many nutritious benefits to one's health and I support SSB 3126.

**Name:** Amy Shute

**Comment:** Please legalize raw milk sales in Iowa. With so many health benefits there is no reason for milk to be illegal. We have our own milk cow. I have many friends who would love to buy milk from us but it is illegal. Thank you for this bill!!!

**Name:** Isa Oâ€™Hara

**Comment:** Im a consumer and would appreciate government allowing me to make my own decisions about the foods I consume. There are so many things that are legal for us to consume that provide no health benefits, and even cause damage to our health. Raw milk is sold by locals who care and love their cows and there are many studies that show the health benefits of consuming raw milk.

**Name:** Heather Vitteri

**Comment:** I am a consumer here in Iowa and I very much need access to nutrient rich, raw dairy for the health of my family. All of my children suffer from nutritional deficiencies that are easily met with raw dairy, but cannot be met otherwise. I have done quite a bit of research on oral health specifically, and the nutrients we need for teeth and bone health are not available in commercially processed dairy products, both due to the

diet of the cow, as well as the process of pasteurization. Our family has enjoyed raw dairy while living abroad, as did the rest of the country with NO adverse affect. Even poor countries with no access to refrigeration Are able to manage this process with no adverse affects. As well, we prefer to support local farmers as much as possible, and the current legislation prohibits this as it concerns dairy products. Please allow Iowans access to REAL, whole food, as this is the best way to nourish young bodies.

**Name:** Barbara Ringwalt

**Comment:** I would like to see raw milk legalized in Iowa. It is good when we have choices as to how to stay healthy, and it is important to give us that choice by offering options. I would like the option of being able to purchase raw milk (unpasteurized and unhomogenized and without additives) the natural thing from healthy cows.

**Name:** emily lewis

**Comment:** I support this bill. we should be able to get our milk wherever we please and however we please.

**Name:** Anne Ball

**Comment:** I ask you to support SSB 3126 allowing for sale of raw milk directly from dairy farms. My family has consumed raw milk for the last 10 years and this is an important staple in our diet. It contains enzymes and probiotics for good gut health, which we find very important. This type of sale direct from the dairy usually gives us opportunity to see the cleanliness of the operation for ourselves. We are capable of determining for ourselves if their standards of operation are satisfactory. How is it that we can easily buy tobacco products, alcohol, and junk food, but are prohibited from one of nature's own foods? Also, corporate dairies have nearly obliterated small dairy farms this is an opportunity for small family farms to stay alive.

**Name:** Dana Halvorson

**Comment:** I was quite surprised to learn that Iowa is one of only 5 states in the nation that do NOT allow the sale of raw milk. Being one of the top agricultural states, this just does not make sense. It should be up to the consumer to decide which type of milk products they want to purchase and use. This is not a decision the government needs to be involved in and is yet another example of government overreach and unnecessary meddling in our personal decisions, which we are quite capable of making for ourselves. Our personal freedoms are continually under attack, it seems. This legislation to allow the sale of raw milk and raw milk products should pass swiftly!

**Name:** Janice Assman

**Comment:** I am a consumer in iowa, and I desire freedom to purchase raw milk in this state.

**Name:** Janae Vander Wilt

**Comment:** I encourage Iowa to legalize the sale of raw milk & raw milk products. What a great way to increase freedom of choice, food independence, health, farm to table initiatives, open new small market space, & protection from supply chain issues. We've been very disappointed that Iowa is one of just a handful of states that makes this food choice illegal. One of my babies would break out in rashes & suffer from gastrointestinal pain from nursing after I had consumed processed dairy. However, if I had consumed raw dairy, the baby was just fine. The heating process truly seems to damage the milk product for sensitive tummies. As a mom with a little newborn, it was very frustrating to have to own and milk our own cow in order to avoid being illegal. What a constraint to our health and freedom!

**Name:** Janine Hirschler

**Comment:** I can tell you from experience that storebought, processed "milk" is lacking sorely both in flavor and nutritional value in comparison to farmfresh, raw milk. It is critical

for households to be able to make their own decisions in what they will consume for the sake of the health and freedom of our families and thus our communities. It is also vitally important for us to support our local small/family farms; if we do not, our communities will continuously face worsening difficulties with health, freedom, responsibility, and value. It is also very sad, in my opinion, that so many are unaware of the fact that all milk is raw, natural milk to begin with anyways; and we, which are also natural, require natural foods. I am grateful that you are addressing this issue for our state, and I would like to thank you in advance for seeing this through for all Iowans.

**Name:** David Snyder

**Comment:** This legislation is needed and supported by the consumers and farmers .

**Name:** Liz K

**Comment:** Please support this bill. Iowa is one of just a handful of states that doesn't allow raw milk yet we are a very pro farmer state. This bill will benefit Iowans as both consumers and producers. Thanks

**Name:** Caleb Stam

**Comment:** Please support this bill!! And give both the consumers dairy farmers the freedom to buy and sell local.Over the past few years the need for this option has increased, with supply chain issues and labor issues, milk has had to be dumped because of processing plant issues, and store shelves were empty. It is time to give Iowans the choice to buy and sell local!

**Name:** Jana Laverman

**Comment:** As a consumer, I would like the option to purchase raw milk. I support this bill.

**Name:** Erin Meinders

**Comment:** I support Iowans being able to buy an sell raw milk and raw milk products. I grew up on a dairy farm drinking raw milk. I have family that continue to run the family dairy farm. This would provide another avenue of support for the family farmers while filling the local communities desire to support their neighbors and provide raw, nutrient rich milk for their families. Please support this.

**Name:** Mande Shivers

**Comment:** I am a consumer that would like to be able to make my own choice on what is healthiest for me, and my family. That being said, we would like access to raw milk without having to purchase our own cow.

**Name:** Sheila Zanela

**Comment:** Please make the sale of raw milk legal in Iowa. It would be a another nice source of income to support small farms and I personally know of so many people who would like to purchase it. My sister has been getting it for years in SD and it's very popular in SF. There is no reason why this healthy product shouldn't be available to Iowans. Thank you

**Name:** Leah Stam

**Comment:** Absolutely consumers should have the option of purchasing raw milk and producers should have the freedom to sell their product to those who would like to purchase it directly from them!!

**Name:** Jennifer Middleton

**Comment:** I'm a consumer and believe in the benefits of raw milk. All the surrounding states allow the consumption and sales of raw milk and we should be no exception.

**Name:** Chelsea Day

**Comment:** I believe legalizing the sell of raw milk would be a two fold win it would be a much needed economic asset for local dairies and it would give options to those whose families have sensitivities related to the cooking process associated with current standards. There have been endless studies showing the benefits of raw dairy. I think it's time we trust our citizens and our farmers to take this step forward.

**Name:** Sarah Grantham

**Comment:** As a Nutritionist the benefits of locally sourced raw milk are outstanding! I am 100% in support of this bill. I would love to be able to access raw milk for my family.

**Name:** Betsy Salsberry

**Comment:** I have been trying to access raw milk for years. The nutritional benefits far outweigh that of pasteurized milk which essentially is void of most nutrition due to the high heat. It would be amazing for young children to have access to this standard unprocessed form of milk. It really makes no sense that this is illegal. People can choose whether or not to purchase raw or pasteurized milk for themselves based on the label. Would love to support my family's health and the farmers of this become legal!

**Name:** Katarina Reeves

**Comment:** There should be a choice for us to make a decision for our selves rather consume raw vs. conventional milk and therefore I am in full support of this bill.

**Name:** Karen Vroman

**Comment:** I would love to have the option to purchase raw milk for my family. We value the freedom to choose what goes in our body and would love to be able to choose raw milk!

**Name:** Lindsey Shinkey

**Comment:** I am in support of this bill because I believe that everyone should have legal access to this super food. Carefully produced raw milk has numerous health advantages over pasteurized milk. Whereas pasteurized milk is now recognized as a top food allergen and difficult to digest, raw milk is actually a health supporting food with rich therapeutic potential and is easily digested by most consumers. Like breastmilk, raw milk is a living whole food which provides excellent nutrition along with health supporting enzymes and probiotics. Raw milk has a superior nutrient profile, whereas pasteurized milk has diminished nutrition with denatured proteins and fats. People who are lactose intolerant can often consume raw milk with no maldigestion, due to the presence of a variety of living bacteria which facilitate production of lactase enzyme in the intestines. Numerous scientific studies have shown that raw milk is correlated with decreased rates of asthma, allergies, eczema, otitis, fever, and respiratory infections. Raw milk also aids in recovery from antibiotic use, and provides many gut healthy probiotics and enzymes. <https://www.rawmilkinstitute.org/updates/letter-to-medical-professionals-about-raw-milk>

**Name:** Haleigh Eason

**Comment:** I am in full support of this bill and would love access to raw milk in Iowa.

**Name:** Brei Johnson

**Comment:** I'm excited to see this bill extend opportunity for Iowans to support small local farmers. I support this bill as there are many health benefits to the consumption of raw milk. I believe Iowans are able to make educated decisions on goods and services. Let's free the market up for Iowa farmers to diversify their services.

**Name:** Amber Ryan

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want to be able to purchase raw milk in Iowa! It is important

to be able to both support our local dairy farms and also be allowed to purchase items such as raw milk that are much healthier for our families than the subpar alternatives!

**Name:** Cindy Grantham

**Comment:** I gre up on raw milk and it didnt hurt me a bit! I feel people should have the freedom of choice to purchase raw milk. Please see a positive outcome in this bill for people to choose and not be governed.

**Name:** Maggie Laverman

**Comment:** I am a resident of Iowa and would like the ability to access raw milk in Iowa. I fear the reason Iowa is the only midwest state who does not current allow raw milk sales is because the big dairy companies (AE, Bluebunny, etc) merely have stronger lobbyists. Raw milk, especially grassfed, is exponentially more healthy for the human body than adulterated/pasteurized/homogenized milk. God created milk to be completely and wholly digestible asis, including all of the digestivr enzymes necessary to be highly beneficial to the body. Many current health issues can be prevented and even reversed with unadulterated grassfed milk and milk products. We urge that this be legalized in Iowa.

**Name:** Krystal Lefevre

**Comment:** As both a farmer and a consumer, I was surprised when I found out a few years back that Iowa was one of only a handful of states that prohibits the sale of raw milk and the only (I believe) Midwestern state to do so. What a poor way to support our farmers in an agriculture state! Allowing the sale of milk from farm to table will be a tremendous asset to the farm economy. It also would be a tremendous opportunity for consumers who are looking for the health benefits raw milk can provide some bodies cannot digest pasteurized milk, and this bill would allow the health benefits of dairy back into their diets. I am hopeful that this bill would include dairy from all livestock (cow, goat and sheep) and not only milk and cream, but also dairy products such as yogurt, butter and cheese. This bill should allow the sale both onfarm and also in farmer's markets, thus allowing a greater availability to consumers.

**Name:** Katarina Reeves

**Comment:** There should be a choice for us to make a decision for our selfs rather consume raw vs. conventional milk and therefor I am in full support of this bill.

**Name:** AL Marshall

**Comment:** Raw milk is real food. Consumers can take responsibility for ensuring their provider has healthy practices.

**Name:** Lindsey O'Dell

**Comment:** I am a resident of Iowa and would like the ability to access raw milk in Iowa. I fear the reason Iowa is the only midwest state who does not current allow raw milk sales is because the big dairy companies (AE, Bluebunny, etc) merely have stronger lobbyists. Raw milk, especially grassfed, is exponentially more healthy for the human body than adulterated/pasteurized/homogenized milk. God created milk to be completely and wholly digestible asis, including all of the digestive enzymes necessary to be highly beneficial to the body. Many current health issues can be prevented and even reversed with unadulterated grassfed milk and milk products. We urge that this be legalized in Iowa.

**Name:** Brooke Miller

**Comment:** I am in support of this bull. I feel we should have the ability to easily have access to raw milk. The government overreach in food supply has not been successful in supporting our health and well being. Those of us taking responsibility for the health of ourselves and our family should have access to consumables of our choosing.

Look at the general state of health back in the day of raising your own food, we need to have the same opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

**Name:** Linda Reynolds

**Comment:** As one of the leading agricultural sates, I believe we need to uphold the right of dairymen to sell their product directly to the consumer. We are one of the few who currently do not give them this right. Lets support our dairymen and restore this right!.

**Name:** Janie Stegemann

**Comment:** I support the sale of raw milk in Iowa.

**Name:** Brandon Van Vleet

**Comment:** I support the sale of Raw Milk in Iowa.

**Name:** Kari Miller

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk In the state of Iowa.

**Name:** David Graber

**Comment:** Passing this legislation is an opportunity to uphold the individual liberties of Iowans To make informed choices about about what they deem appropriate for themselves and their families. Government does not need to have a say in what kind of milk I can buy.

**Name:** Heather Vw

**Comment:** "I am a resident of Iowa and a would like the ability to access raw milk in Iowa. I fear the reason Iowa is the only midwest state who does not current allow raw milk sales is because the big dairy companies (AE, Bluebunny, etc) merely have stronger lobbyists. Raw milk, especially grassfed, is exponentially more healthy for the human body than adulterated/pasteurized/homogenized milk. God created milk to be completely and wholly digestible asis, including all of the digestive enzymes necessary to be highly beneficial to the body. Many current health issues can be prevented and even reversed with unadulterated grassfed milk and milk products. We urge that this be legalized in Iowa."

**Name:** Megan Dieken

**Comment:** I am a resident of Iowa and I would love to have access to raw milk for me and my family. We drink it when were at my parents and my young son loves it and I especially love that its the healthiest milk available. Please allow Iowans to freely purchase the grocery products they want for their families. Since raw milk is exponentially better for you then pasteurized and homogenized milk and can even help reverse certain issues this is a healthy and valuable product that should be available on the free market to consumers.

**Name:** Linda Laverman

**Comment:** I live in the state of Iowa and support the sale of raw milk.

**Name:** Marilyn Fogle

**Comment:** Please pass this bill to allow the sale of raw milk in our state for the health benefit, and the use of individual freedoms for health choices, of our Iowa citizens! Many are the benefits of raw milk. Raw milk is, in many ways, like breast milk. Both contain such a large amount of beneficial nutrients, enzymes, vitamins, and minerals, and in their natural form are easily used by the body. Both provide excellent nutrition and strengthen the immune system. It is a natural next step after breast milk. Raw milk is a great source of calcium, iron, vitamins A, D & K, phosphorus, zinc, conjugated

linoleic acid (CLA), omega3 fatty acid, many beneficial enzymes and probiotics. The pasteurization of milk reduces or destroys many of these. Raw milk that is carefully and intentionally produced for direct human consumption in sanitary conditions and good care of healthy animals and clean (even tested) milk should be rewarded with allowing its use.

**Name:** Juliet Dodge

**Comment:** Thank you for considering Bill SSB 3126. I have been waiting to be allowed to use raw milk and its byproducts.

**Name:** Mandi Dolieslager

**Comment:** Im an Iowa consumer and strongly support the legalization of the sale of raw milk. I support small, local farms and want the opportunity to make this healthy choice for my family.

**Name:** kierstyn Hutson

**Comment:** I am a consumer, and I want access to obtain or purchase raw milk In the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Nancy I List

**Comment:** My family grew up drinking raw milk because I lived on a dairy farm and I would enjoy raw milk again. It should be a choice. Thanks, Nancy List

**Name:** Rachael Laverman

**Comment:** I would love to be able to purchase raw milk for my family. I believe the choice should rest with the consumer, not government/big business lobbyists.

**Name:** Michelle Wiedmann

**Comment:** As a consumer in the state of Iowa, I would love to be able to choose raw milk for my family. Thank you.

**Name:** Christina Crew

**Comment:** SUPPORT I would like to purchase fresh raw milk products for my consumption and support local Iowa farmers.

**Name:** Dan Heffernen

**Comment:** In an era when we are all told we need to decrease our consumption of overly processed foods and eat a lot more fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, and in this case, RAW milk, its astounding to me that we still have this law on the books! We need to wake up to the fact that there is nothing more nutritious than fresh wholesome unprocessed food and change this law to allow for the safe production and sale of raw milk and related products to consumers.

**Name:** Robin Wilson

**Comment:** I am very much interested in giving farmers and consumers alike, the opportunity to sell and purchase raw milk. Raw milk is so much healthier than pasteurized. Also, with the current state of the economy, this would provide another avenue for farmers to sell and consumers to purchase, as supply chains are disrupted.

**Name:** Patti Evans

**Comment:** I am a consumer. I would like to be able to consume raw milk and would like it to become legalized in Iowa. Thank you for your help in that.

**Name:** Alesha Lamb

**Comment:** I would be ecstatic to see raw milk become available for purchase in Iowa. My family supports this bill



**Name:** Josey Vasquez

**Comment:** As an Iowa resident, I believe I should be able to purchase raw milk and raw milk products for my family. The health benefits are enormous!

**Name:** Ali Frank

**Comment:** This to me is a basic human right. I don't need the public to protect me from raw milk. I should have the right to purchase it the same way I can buy a car off Craigslist and drive 70 mph down the road not knowing if the tires will blow. Stop abusing consumer censorship when corn syrup and pesticides are on every shelf in this country.

**Name:** Alyssa Latham

**Comment:** I am in support of being able to sell and purchase raw milk. There are many benefits to it, and we should be supporting farmers of all sizes and operations here in Iowa

**Name:** Laurie Hammer

**Comment:** I am a consumer and healthcare practitioner and want free access to ALL foods of MY choice for myself and my clients. Raw milk has many healing properties and should not be limited in the state of Iowa. It is MY choice to consume any food I choose to consume and not for the IA legislature to determine what is best for my consumption. I do not see any law prohibiting alcohol consumption, which clearly can have radical negative consequences to our society as a whole if consumed irresponsibly. Raw milk consumption does NOT have radical negative consequences to our society as a whole. There is no law prohibiting other food consumption that is clearly negative to our health such as processed sugars, processed fats, soda pop and the list could go on....so why is there a law on MILK??? Most ridiculous in my professional opinion and infringes on godgiven FREEDOM at the most basic level.

**Name:** Aaron Kerr

**Comment:** I am a consumer who would like to see this government overreach end. Treating farmers who want to sell their product as has been consumed for all time, as criminals is wrong. Please end this travesty and support freedom not government overreach. Show the courage to do the right thing.

**Name:** Becky Williams

**Comment:** I am a consumer and want to be able to purchase raw milk in our state. I love supporting local farmers and keeping our economies growing!

**Name:** Cheryl Heffernen

**Comment:** I would love to have the option to purchase fresh raw milk in the state of Iowa. I believe we have the right to decide what we feed our families. There are many health benefits of raw milk. Consumers should be allowed to purchase unprocessed raw and pure food especially in a agricultural state such as Iowa.

**Name:** Katie Cooke

**Comment:** As a consumer I want to be able to have the freedom to purchase and consume raw milk from our local dairy farms.

**Name:** Jacque Higgins

**Comment:** As a consumer, I would love to have the option to purchase raw milk. Groups of Iowans should not have to arrange a raw milk pick up with bordering states. Its milk not heroine!

**Name:** melissa hopkins,

**Comment:** Please support our right to have, purchase, and consume raw milk. Many of us

believe its in our bodies best interest to drink it. This was one of the best things my fatherinlaw said he had while battling cancer. He found it very beneficial to his health and loved it!

**Name:** Michelle Lemker

**Comment:** I support this bill. Iowans should be able to purchase raw milk directly from the farmer if they so choose.

**Name:** Kayleigh Birkland

**Comment:** I support this bill. Everyone should have the right to choose what type of milk they consume. Not allowing sales of raw milk also hurts the farmers and only helps make bigger companies profit.

**Name:** Jacey Meyer

**Comment:** I am a consumer and would like the option to purchase raw milk in Iowa.

**Name:** Kerrie Otten

**Comment:** I am in support of legalizing raw milk. Iowans should be able to make this choice for themselves. It is time for this to pass. I believe the support of constituents on this is matter is greatly underestimated.

**Name:** Matthew Laverman

**Comment:** I am a resident of Iowa and would like the ability to access raw milk in Iowa. I fear the reason Iowa is the only midwest state who does not current allow raw milk sales is because the big dairy companies (AE, Bluebunny, etc) merely have stronger lobbyists. Raw milk, especially grassfed, is exponentially more healthy for the human body than adulterated/pasteurized/homogenized milk. Give consumers the freedom to choose the milk they want to drink. Give family farms the option to sell to more than just corporations. More completion is better for everyone!

**Name:** Esther Black

**Comment:** Freedoms are what we are really talking about. Let the consumers choose what they want to put into their bodies. It doesn't take much scientific research to quickly learn the amazing benefits of raw milk. I support the freedom to purchase and sell raw milk in Iowa. It's ashamed Iowa is one of the few states lagging behind...the people have spoken!

**Name:** Christine Gebhart

**Comment:** Please allow us the freedom to buy/sell milk how we prefer it.

**Name:** Jenny Reiland

**Comment:** I support this bill and would like the opportunity to purchase raw milk legally in the state of Iowa.

**Name:** Stephanie Harris

**Comment:** I would love to be able to purchase raw milk. Please make it legal!

**Name:** Angela Miller

**Comment:** As a consumer Id love to purchase raw milk legally! Let us choose whats best for us!

**Name:** Hannah B

**Comment:** I am a consumer, or would like to be. I would like to be able to choose if I want to purchase/consumer raw milk or not. As one of the few states that hasnt legalized it, please do. Pasteurization was only necessary due to cleanliness issues and unhealthy animals. The enzymes in raw milk are there for a purpose. Please allow residents of Iowa to choose raw milk if they want.

**Name:** Lori Kilpatrick

**Comment:** As a consumer and an Iowan, I would greatly appreciate having raw milk available without having to leave the state. We are literally surrounded by states that allow the sale of raw milk, and here we sit... driving to them and supporting their farms and their states. Bring the revenue and the support back to Iowa.

**Name:** Jennifer Murwanashyaka

**Comment:** I am a consumer and would like to be able to purchase raw milk in Iowa. I support this bill.

**Name:** Elizabeth Else

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I want access to be able to obtain or purchase raw milk in the state of Iowa. I think it would be wise for the lawmakers of Iowa to support local and small family farms and businesses!

**Name:** Bryant Ashley

**Comment:** I support this bill. As Iowans, we should have access to raw dairy and a choice between consuming pasteurized versus raw. Pasteurized dairy kills necessary helpful bacteria, vitamins and minerals. And then synthetic vitamins are added back. Synthetic vitamins taken long term reduce the body's ability to process and utilize non-synthetic vitamins. People can choose what they wish to consume, the government should stay out of it and allow the healthy to become healthier.

**Name:** Cara Recker

**Comment:** As a consumer I would like access to raw milk to help support local dairy farms.

**Name:** Jessica Geistkemper

**Comment:** I am an Iowa consumer and have been reading up on the benefits of raw milk from the Weston Price Foundation and want access to it for my family.

**Name:** Mitchell Ronnebaum

**Comment:** I feel raw milk sales is not a good idea. I understand there would be economic benefits for direct milk sales but milk is pasteurized for many reasons.

**Name:** Katie Sobolik

**Comment:** I support this bill as a small goat farmer and believe that we should be allowed to purchase or sell raw milk as we would like.

**Name:** Gabby Fistler

**Comment:** I support this bill! Every state surrounding Iowa allows the sale of raw milk.

**Name:** Elizabeth Phillips

**Comment:** I am an Iowan and want the option to purchase raw milk. My father owned a dairy and I grew up on a farm. It's long overdue to fix this. It's outrageous that our only option for milk is to buy an inferior processed milk product. Please take action on this and make raw milk available to everyone.

**Name:** Lucas Else

**Comment:** I am a consumer and I believe that I should be allowed to buy products from who I want and have less regulations.

**Name:** Violet Ahrenholtz

**Comment:** I am in support of SSB 3126. I would like to be able to purchase raw milk for my family and my animals. Raw Milk from grass fed cows is a health tonic at best. In the 1930s Mayo Clinic founder J.R. Crew believed we would be curing disease with it in the future, and unpasteurized milk can do that! Its pasteurized, homogenized cousin Sadly Cannot. Iowa desperately needs more food freedom. We have seen in the last 2 years how the pandemic has shown how broken our food systems are. They profit the giant operations and penalize the small producer. Allowing proper labeling of raw milk will let a growing Food niche thrive In Iowa. Why should I have to travel to Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin or Missouri To have to obtain this? I attached a map resource to show how behind the times Iowa is! Thank you for introducing this bill we have needed it for a long time! Violet Ahrenholtz Denison

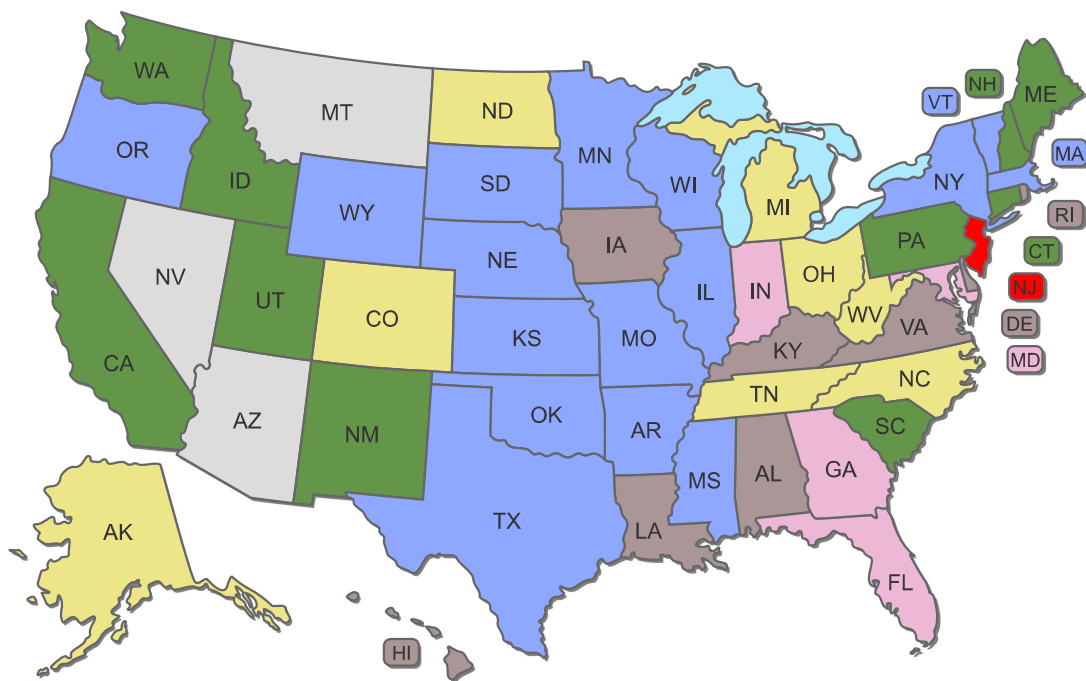


# Raw Milk Nation – Interactive Map

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## State-by-State<sup>1</sup> Review of Raw Milk Laws

Please note: every state has very discrete laws and regulations. Read detailed information provided below the map.



- ☐ Retail Store Sales Legal
- ☐ Farm-to-Consumer Sales Legal<sup>2</sup>
- ☐ Herdshares Legal
- ☐ No Law on Herdshares<sup>3</sup>
- ☐ Sale for Pet Food Legal
- ☐ Cannot Be Legally Obtained in Any Way
- ☐ Other

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<sup>1</sup> Other forms of raw milk distribution may also be allowed in any particular state.

<sup>2</sup> Some states further limit the direct-to-consumer sales to on-farm only or other location restriction.

<sup>3</sup> There is no law either legalizing or prohibiting herd shares. State is aware herd share programs currently exist and has taken no action to try to stop them.

<sup>4</sup> On-the-ground situation may be more restrictive because of agency

actions or agency interpretation of statutory language (Nevada and Wisconsin). Please see these states in the chart below for more details.

<sup>5</sup> A traditional herd share is not permissible since the farmer must go through state requirements to set up their herd as a security and further comply with the requirements for the sale of a security (Montana). Please see below chart for more details.

The map above indicates the most permissive category for obtaining raw milk in each state. Please see the chart below for a more detailed look at how raw milk can legally be obtained in your state. See the glossary below the chart.

Due mainly to the federal ban on raw milk for human consumption in interstate commerce, the laws are different state to state.

State raw milk laws have been changing in recent years. If you have specific questions, please **Contact Us**.

If you have questions about the laws applicable to you in your state, you should consult with a licensed attorney. Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF) **members**: you are welcome to contact FTCLDF concerning laws that apply to your farm.

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## BY STATE – LEGALITY OF RAW MILK SALES/DISTRIBUTION

The below chart complements the interactive [Raw Milk Nation Map](#)® above and at [farmtoconsumer.org/raw-milk-map](http://farmtoconsumer.org/raw-milk-map)

This chart goes into more detail than the map by summarizing the specific laws for each state.

If there is a stated legal limit on the number of lactating animals producing milk, herd size, or the volume of milk sold each month, the chart reflects that.

A couple of states have no law on herd shares, yet selling raw milk in these states is still illegal. A herd share allows people to buy shares of a milking animal or herd and pay the farmer to care for the animals and milk them. As owners of the animals, the shareholders are entitled to the milk from their own animals and are not actually buying the milk.

The sale of raw pet milk is legal in almost every state if the producer has a commercial feed license or its equivalent or has otherwise fulfilled state specific requirements to sell pet food. Most states, however, will not issue commercial feed licenses for the sale of raw pet milk. The chart shows only those states where it is known that raw milk producers have received permits or otherwise are in compliance with the law.

State	Statute or Regulation	Retail Store Sales Legal	On Farm Sales Legal	Off Farm Sales Legal	Herd Shares Legal	Sale for Pet Food Legal	License Rec Human Con Sale
Alabama	Ala. Admin. Code r. 420-3-16.12 (only pasteurized milk may be sold)	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	Yes, if producer has obtained a commercial feed license through the Department of Agriculture	N/a
Alaska	18 AAC 32.060; 18 AAC 32.010	No	No	No	The ban on unpasteurized milk does not apply to people who own a cow,	Yes, but must be denatured or colored and clearly marked for animal consumption only.	N/a



					goat, or sheep and use the milk for their personal use.		
Arizona	AZ Statutes: 3-601, 606, 607; AZ Admin Code: R3-2-805	Retail sale only permitted after an involved permitting process.	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares. The Department of Agriculture takes the position that herd shares are not legal since there is an avenue to sell raw milk.	Yes	Yes, a dai permit is required. minimum Pasteuriz Ordinance standards be compl with. Catt be tested sales of r for consu may begi annually thereafte
Arkansas	Ark. Code Ann. Sec. 20-59-248	No	Yes	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
California	CA Code Div. 15, Pt. 1, Ch. 1: S 32510; S 35787; S 35891; S 35861; S 35921; S 33222; S 33226; S 32513; S 35017; S 17:11380; S 35756 Food and Agriculture	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Colorado	6 CCR 1010-4; 6 CCR 1010-3; CRS 25-5.5-117	No	No	No	Yes	Yes, must be dyed in accordance with State Department of Public Health requirements.	Yes

Connecticut	§22-172; §22-167; §22-133-113c	Yes	Yes	No, with the exception of raw milk cheese, aged over 60 days, and produced by a licensed producer.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delaware	Fed. Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance 2001 Revision adopted by reference	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
District of Columbia	See USDA standards for Grade Milk	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
Florida	FL Statutes: 502-091; FL Admin. Code: 5D-1.001	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Georgia	GA Rules and Regulations.: 40-2-1-.01; GA Code: 26-2-238, 242(a), 249 (12); 40-5-8-.02; 2-13-6	No	No	No	No, no milk or milk product may be sold, offered for sale, or delivered for the purpose of human consumption if it is not in compliance with state law, which references the USFDA Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.	Yes, a license is required under the commercial feed laws.	No
Hawaii	HI Admin. Rules: §11-15-46	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
Idaho	ID Admin Code: 02.04.13.004;	Yes, registration requirement	Yes, Small Herd Raw	Yes, if labeling	Yes. The herd share arrangement	Yes	Raw milk retail product must meet

	02.04.13.006; 02.04.13.218 ID Statutes: 37, Ch. 11.	with the State.	Milk Permit required.	requirements are met	must be registered with the state, and the milk must be received on the farm, only by the share owner. The herd share must be evidenced by a written bill of sale, with boarding terms satisfactory to the state. The dairy must provide information concerning health practices and herds must be tested every 4 to 6 months. See "Idaho Statutes — Title 37 — Food, Drugs, and Oil — Chapter 11 — Acquisition of Raw Milk"		Federal Pasteurized Ordinance they are registered small herd producer have registered herd share arrangements with the s
Illinois	77 IL Admin Code §775.55/td>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Dairy farms have a dairy permit and a distribution permit.
Indiana	IN Code: 15-2.1-23-8; 15-18-1-21(a); 15-19-7-40	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	Yes, per Indiana Commercial Feed Law. Requires a "not for human consumption" label. Per Indiana Board of Animal Health guidance, raw milk for animals can only be purchased from the farm in bulk.	No
Iowa	IA Code Title V Ch. 192: 192.103	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
Kansas	KS Statutes: Ch. 65, Art. 7: 65-784; 65-789; 65-771(cc); 65-778	No	Yes, includes butter, cream, and milk	No	No law on herd shares	Yes	No
Kentucky	KRS Sec. 217C.090 permits the secretary to	No	Yes, goat milk only with	No	No law on herd shares	Yes	N/a

	issue regulations allowing sale, by doctors note, of raw goat milk. 902 KY Admin regs. 50:120 Raw goat milk must have a permit from the cabinet, and inspection is required; record keeping requirement; on farm sales only		doctor's prescription				
Louisiana	LA Rev. Stats. Title 40, Ch. 4 Pt. VII, Subpart B: 40-922; Title 51, Part VII, Ch. 9: 51:VII.919; 51:VII.103	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	No	N/a
Maine	ME Rev. Stat. Title 7, Pt. 7, Ch. 601: 7 M. R. S. A. §2910; 7 M.R.S.A. §2902-B; Title 22, Subtitle 2, Pt. 5, Ch. 562: 22 M.R.S.A. §2491	Yes	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares	Yes	Yes
Maryland	MD Code: Title 21, Subtitle 4, Pt. IV: §21-434; Pt. I: §21-401	No	No	No	No. Code of Maryland Regulations 10.15.06.02(B) (29) prohibits the sale of raw milk and defines sale to include the "right to acquire milk and milk products... through...an agistment agreement which is the sale of shares or interest in a cow..."	Yes	N/a
Massachusetts	Gen. Laws of MA: Pt. 1, Title XV, Ch. 94: G.L. c 94, §12, §13, §16J, §40; Code of MA Regs: 330 CMR 27.00; 330 CMR	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes, must certificate registratio which rec inspection other requirem laid out ir regulator

	27.07 Sanitation requirements for Grade "A" Raw milk						
Michigan	Herdshares are permitted by Department Policy by way of a document titled: MDARD Policy # 1.40, dated 3/12/2013 Regarding Fresh Unprocessed Whole Milk.	No	No	No	Yes, for milk and cream only.	Yes	No
Minnesota	Minn. Stat. Ann. Sec. 32D.20	No	Yes	No	No law on herd shares	Yes	No
Mississippi	MS Code Title 75, Ch 31, Art. 1: §75-31-65	No	Yes, but limited to goat milk	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
Missouri	MO Stat: Title XII, Ch. 196: 196.935; MO Regs. Title 2, Div. 80, Ch. 3: 2 CSR 80- 3.030,-3.040, -3.070	No	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares	Yes	Yes
Montana	MT Admin Rules Title 32, Ch. 8, Sub- Chapter 1; 32.8.102; 32.8.103	No	No	No	Herdshares may be permitted only with state agency exemption. Please contact FTCLDF.	To be determined	No
Nebraska	Nebraska Revised Statutes Ch. 2, Art. 39	No	Yes	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No

Nevada	NV Admin Code Ch. 584: NAC 584.2031; NV Statutes Title 51, Ch. 584: NRS 584.205 & 207	Yes	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares	To be determined	Yes, per c milk comi
New Hampshire	NH Statutes Title XIV, Ch. 184: 184:30-a, 79, 84; Code of NH Rules Ch. He-P 2300, Pt. He-P 2303: He-P 2303.01	Yes	Yes, if direct to consumer	Yes, if direct to consumer, or served at a boarding house where signage clearly indicates that raw milk is served.	No law on herd shares	To be determined	Yes, except on-farm c market producer: who sell l than an a of 20 qua day.
New Jersey	NJ Statutes Title 24, Subtitle 1, Ch. 10, Art. 6: 24:10-57.17	No	No	No	No	No	N/a
New Mexico	NM Statutes Section 25-8-1; NM Regs. Title 21, Ch. 34, Pt. 2: 21.34.2.9, 2.12 NMAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares	Yes	Yes, if producer wants to i "Grade A" designati
New York	NY Codes, Rules & Regs. Title 1 Ch. 1 Subch. A Pt. 2: 1 NYCRR 2.3	No	Yes, with a permit	No	Yes, with a permit	Yes	Yes

North Carolina	NC Gen. Statutes Ch. 130A, Art. 8, Pt. 9: 130A-279; NC Admin Code Title 15A, Ch. 18, Subch. 18A, §1200; T15A-C18-S18A.1210; NCAC 09G.2010	No	No	No	Yes	Yes (see North Carolina General Statutes 130A-279)	No
North Dakota	Currently: ND Statutes: Title 4.1, Ch. 4.1-25; Title 33, Art.33-33, Ch. 33-33-04: 33-33-04-12	No	No	No	Yes, see ND Century Code Section 4.1-25-40	To be determined	No
Ohio	ORC Title IX, Ch. 917: §§917.02, 04, 09	No	No	No	Yes	To be determined	No
Oklahoma	OK Statutes Title 2, Ch. 1, Art 7: §2-7-406; §2-7-414; 2-7-408; 2-7-403; §2-7-417	No	Yes	No	No law on herd shares	Yes	No
Oregon	OR Statutes Title 49, Ch. 621: 621.012, .116, .003, .072, .076	Goat and sheep milk only.	Yes	No	No law on herd shares	Yes	No to small on-farm, direct-to-consumer milk sales; retail stores of goat or milk.

Pennsylvania	PA Statutes Title 31, Ch. 13: 31 P.S. §646; PA Code of Regs. Title 7, Pt. III, Subpt. B, Ch. 61, Subch. C: 7 Pa. Code §59.302, .773; §59a.401-416; 007 Pa. Code §7.24; §9.34	Yes	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares	Yes, mentioned along with milk for human consumption, and milk must be from a tested, disease-free herd.	Yes
Rhode Island	RI Regs. See 2001 Pasteurized Milk Ordinance; RI Gen. Laws: Title 21, Ch. 2: §21-2-2, et seq.	No	Yes, goat milk only with prescription	Yes, goat milk only with prescription	No law on herd shares	To be determined	Yes, with restriction
South Carolina	SC Regs. Ch. 61: 61-34 §§ 1, 3, 9; 61-25 Ch. 1 Defs. P26	Yes	Yes	Yes	No law on herd shares	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	SD Admin Rules Title 12, Art. 12:05, Ch. 12:05:14: 12:05:14:01; SD Statutes Title 39, Ch. 39-6: 39-6-3; Title 40, Ch. 40-32: 40-32-2; 40-32-4	No	Yes	Yes, if by delivery from the farm on which the milk was produced	No law on herd shares	Yes	Yes
Tennessee	Tenn. Code Ann. 53-3-119; Attorney General opinion No. 12-04 (on butter and value added products)	No	No	No	Yes, by statute	Yes	No
Texas	Texas Administrative Code: Title 25, Section 217.32	No	Yes	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	Yes



Utah	UT Statutes Title 4, Ch. 3: 4-3-14; UT Admin Rules R70-330: R70-330-5; UT Statute 4-3-9.5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, see Title 4 Utah Agricultural Code / Chapter 3 Utah Dairy Act	Yes, but must be denatured/decharacterized in accordance with state regulations.	Not for the producer: sell direct to consumer on farm, and no more than 120 quarts per month
Vermont	VT Statutes Title 6, Pt. 6, Ch. 152, Subch. 1: 6V.S.A. §2672; Subch. 3, Art. 1: 6 V.S.A. §2721, §2723; §2775-2778	No	Yes	Yes, but only for delivery regarding prepaid advance sales.	No law on herd shares	Yes, but must be denatured/decharacterized in accordance with state regulations.	No license required if producer sells more than 120 quarts of milk per day
Virginia	2 VAC 5-490-70 through 75	No	No	No	No law on herd shares	To be determined	No
Washington	Rev. Code of WA Title 15, Ch. 15.36: RCW 15.36.012, .041, .051, .231; Title 16, Ch. 16-101; Ch. 15.37: RCW 15.37.100; WA Admin Code Title 246, Ch. 246-215: WAC 246-215-020	Yes, for milk and cream and subject to labeling and signage requirements established by state law.	Yes	Yes, but statute provides that raw milk for off site consumption may be sold in retail stores only.	Yes. See Washington State Code — Title 15 — Chapter 15.36 — Section 15.36.012, “Definitions,” — “NOTES, Findings— 2006 c 157”	Yes, and milk must be colored to denote use for animal consumption	Yes, retail milk seller must maintain State Milk Producer and a Milk Processing License.

West Virginia	WV Code of State Rules Title 64, Series 34, §§64-34-2,3; Title 19, Series 1, §19-1-7	No	No	No	Yes. Ch. 19. Agriculture, Art. 1. Department of Agriculture, §19-1-7. Shared animal ownership agreement to consume raw milk.	No	Not a license, but rather herd share producer: register with state and subject to inspection; must pass state veterinary inspection. Producer: agree to report illnesses to consumer of raw milk.
Wisconsin	WI Statutes Ch. 97, 97.24; Ch. 551, Subch. II, 21.21, .22. See also opinion/ruling at summary PDF	No	Incidental only. "Incidental" is defined as not in the regular course of business.	No	No	Yes, and milk must be colored to denote use for animal consumption	No
Wyoming	WY Regs. Dept. of Ag. WY Food and Safety Ch. 3: AGR-FS §3-8; (g) Food Freedom Act	No	Yes	Yes, limited to farmers markets	Yes, according to Wyoming Food Safety Rule, Chapter 3 Food Care, Section 8,	To be determined	No



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