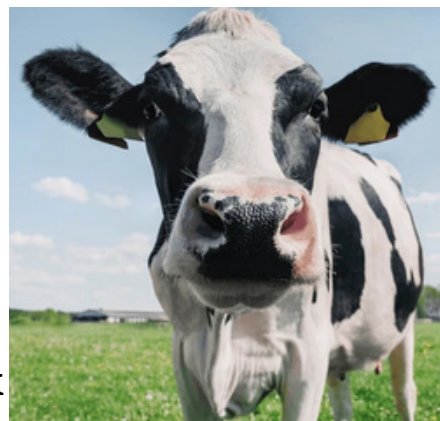


Requirements for the Distribution of Raw Milk through Herd Shares

Guidance document for farm owners and herd share members

- The retail sale of unpasteurized (raw) milk for human consumption is illegal in Tennessee.
- Consumers may legally access raw fluid milk by purchasing a share of a cow or herd (“herd share”).
- Raw fluid milk obtained through a herd share is for personal use only.
- Once the raw fluid milk is obtained from the herd share agreement, the consumer may use it as they like, but milk or products made from milk may not enter commerce.



What are the legal requirements for herd shares?

Farm owners must:

- Keep a list of all herd share members, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- Retain these records for 3 years after the contract ends.
- Maintain a written contract with each member outlining ownership terms and rights.
- Include in the contract a warning that the milk has not been inspected by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA).

**2020 Tennessee House Bill 1129
and Senate Bill 1123**

What if a contamination event occurs?

In the event of contamination, farm owners must:

- Grant TDH access to the farm within 24 hours for investigation and testing.
- Stop all milk distribution until the investigation is complete, cause of contamination is determined, and issue is resolved to TDH’s satisfaction.
- Notify all herd share members via email, text, or phone.
- Provide TDH with a list of all partial owners.

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legal documentation:**



Consuming raw dairy may expose you to harmful germs that cause disease like *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, *Campylobacter*, and *Listeria*, posing the greatest risk to young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems.



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