

Lesson 2: Milk Quality & Safety

Career Spotlight: USDA Milk Inspector

Description

A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) milk inspector is usually assigned to a specific territory and conducts inspections of farms at least every six months (per the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance which requires that Grade A dairy farms must be inspected twice yearly). They review the entire facility during their visit, checking cleanliness of the milking parlor equipment, examining the health of the dairy herd and collecting milk and water samples for evaluation.



Common Responsibilities

- Inspecting dairy farms to ensure that they adhere to various regulatory and food safety requirements
- Collecting samples and taking them to the lab for testing
- Issuing licenses to dairy producers
- Documenting violations
- Giving recommendations
- Compiling comprehensive reports that detail the conditions at dairy facilities

Education/Training Requirements

Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business, Animal Science, or related major (required)