

Montana Department of Livestock

Mission Statement

To control and eradicate animal diseases, prevent the transmission of animal diseases to humans, and to protect the livestock industry from theft and predatory animals.

## Milk & Egg Bureau

The Milk & Egg Inspection program lies in the Meat, Milk, and Egg Inspection Division of the Montana Department of Livestock. The program involves administrative and professional work in a statewide area which includes;

- 1) an agreement with the Food and Drug Administration to ensure all the requirements of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) are being met so that dairy producers and dairy processing plants are included in the Federal Interstate Milk Shippers (IMS) program and meet all requirements for shipping raw milk and finished milk products out of state;
- 2) an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure that all egg producers, graders, and handlers meet the requirements of the Agricultural Marketing Service - Poultry Division;
- 3) investigations of complaints and outbreaks of disease related to any dairy products, eggs, or egg products;
- 4) provide consultative services to sanitarians, businesses and citizens throughout the State on a continuing basis;
- 5) providing Food and Drug Administration State Rating Officers to review and supervise work of other sanitarians in the milk inspection program. The services rendered protect public health from contaminated, toxic, or adulterated dairy and egg

products and practices. The bureau's mission is to carry out the Department's responsibility for administration in environmental protection, disease prevention, investigation (inspection & intervention), and ensuring that FDA and USDA requirements are met. The agreement with the FDA is designed to give Montana the capability to implement a statewide program of investigations, inspections of raw milk producers, milk haulers, dairy product processors, dairy inspection of egg producer facilities, egg handling, and egg quality; and interventions in food borne illness.