

U.S. Bacterial Testing Standards for Raw Milk

Only 18 states out of 50 have bacteria testing standards for raw milk being produced for direct consumption.

State	Total Coliforms/ml.	Standard Plate Count/ml.	Pathogen Testing
California ¹	<10	<15,000	None
Connecticut ²	<50	<30,000	Monthly
Idaho ³	<25	<15,000	None
Illinois ⁴	<10	<20,000	None
Kansas ⁵	No standard	<100,000	None
Maine ⁶	<10	<50,000	None
Massachusetts ⁷	<10	<20,000	None
Nevada ⁸	<10	<10,000	None
New Hampshire ⁹	<10	<20,000	None
New Mexico ¹⁰	<50	<20,000	None
New York ¹¹	<10	<30,000	Monthly
Pennsylvania ¹²	<10	<20,000	Every 6 months
South Carolina ¹³	<10	<10,000	None
South Dakota ¹⁴	No standard	<30,000	Monthly
Texas ¹⁵	<10	<20,000	Quarterly
Utah ¹⁶	<10	<20,000	None
Vermont ¹⁷	<10	<15,000	None
Washington State ¹⁸	<10	<20,000	Monthly

References:

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8. Nevada Revised Statutes, [Certified raw milk: Conditions governing sale; handling; regulations](#).
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18. Washington State Department of Agriculture, [Retail Raw Milk – A Quick Guide for Producer-Processors \(PDF\).](#)