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Unpasteurized “Raw” Milk Outbreaks

While raw milk makes up only 1-3% of the U.S. dairy market, it is responsible for 97-99% of dairy related outbreaks. The CDC reports that the chances of getting sick from drinking raw milk are 150 times greater than from drinking pasteurized milk.

From 1993 to 2009, 93 outbreaks related to consuming raw milk were reported in the U.S (almost 8 outbreaks per year). These outbreaks resulted in a total of 1,864 illnesses, 208 hospitalizations and 2 deaths. It should be noted that while the sale of raw milk is illegal in Iowa, there have been two reported outbreaks: 32 people in 2004 and 33 people in 2005.

In 2010, there were 21 outbreaks (209 ill with 14 hospitalized):

- NY – 20 ill in January
- TN – 3 ill in February
- PA – 22 in February
- WA – 6 ill in February
- MI – 25 ill in March
- IL – 2 ill in March
- MN – 8 ill from in May
- UT – 10 ill in April
- UT – 15 ill in April
- MA – 2 ill in May
- MI - 11 ill in May
- WA – 2 ill in May
- CO – 30 ill in June
- MN – 7 ill in July
- ND – 7 ill in July
- VT – 6 ill in August
- SC – 7 ill In September
- PA – 4 ill in October
- MN – 7 ill in October
- TX – 4 ill in November
- VT – 11 ill in December

In 2011, there were 7 outbreaks (60 ill):

- AK - 18 ill in May
- WI – 18 ill in June
- MI – 3 ill in June
- NC – 8 ill in July
- CA - 5 ill in August
- WA - 3 ill in August
- NY - 5 ill in September

In 2012, there were 6 outbreaks (152 ill):

- KS – 18 ill in January
- PA, MD, NJ, WV – 80 ill in February
- CA – 9 ill in March
- MO – 14 ill in March
- OR – 21 ill in April
- CA – 10 ill in April

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/foodborneoutbreaks/Default.aspx>

<http://www.realrawmilkfacts.com/PDFs/Raw-Dairy-Outbreak-Table.pdf>