EXISTING OREGON DAIRY LAWS

Dairy Defined: Dairy product examples include fluid milk, cheese, ice cream, butter, cottage cheese, yogurt, and sour cream.

Licensed Dairies: Dairy licenses are required to produce milk (for goats, cows or sheep) on a Grade A dairy farm, to transport milk, to market milk for producers, and to process milk for manufacturing.

Licensed-Exempt Dairies: Dairy licenses are not required for anyone owning no more than three dairy cows (no more than two producing) that have calved at least once; no more than nine sheep that have lactated at least once; or no more than nine goats that have lactated at least once.

Dairy Sales – for Exempt Dairies: The fluid milk from licensed-exempt dairy farms can be sold for human consumption only if the milk is sold directly to the consumer, at the production site. This applies to cows, goats and sheep.

Dairy Sales – for Licensed Dairies: A distributor, producer-distributor, or dairy products plant licensee shall not sell, offer, or expose for sale any dairy product, or fluid milk, for human consumption unless the milk used in the dairy product, or fluid milk, has been pasteurized or is goat or sheep's milk that was produced by a disease-free herd.

Herd Shares: Herd shares are not referenced in Oregon statute – they are neither illegal nor legally protected.

FOFF'S 2023 POLICY PROPOSAL

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Dairy Sales – for Exempt Dairies: The fluid milk from licensed-exempt dairies can be sold for human consumption only if the milk is sold directly to the consumer, at the production site, ***or through delivery services, farmers markets or other farm-to-consumer environment as long as the producer labels their fluid milk product as unpasteurized.***

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Dairy Sales – for Licensed Dairies [Repeal ORS 621.116] and [Amend ORS 621.117]: A distributor, producer-distributor, or dairy products plant licensee shall not sell, offer, or expose for sale any dairy product, or fluid milk, for human consumption unless the milk used in the dairy product, or fluid milk, has been pasteurized or is ***cow***, goat or sheep's milk that was produced by a disease-free herd. ***Licensed dairies selling raw milk must receive raw milk safety training and adopt standards for regular testing, risk analysis and risk management.***

Want to learn more? Check out our raw milk webpage: friendsoffamilyfarmers.org/raw-milk