



Raw Milk: State Legislation 2017

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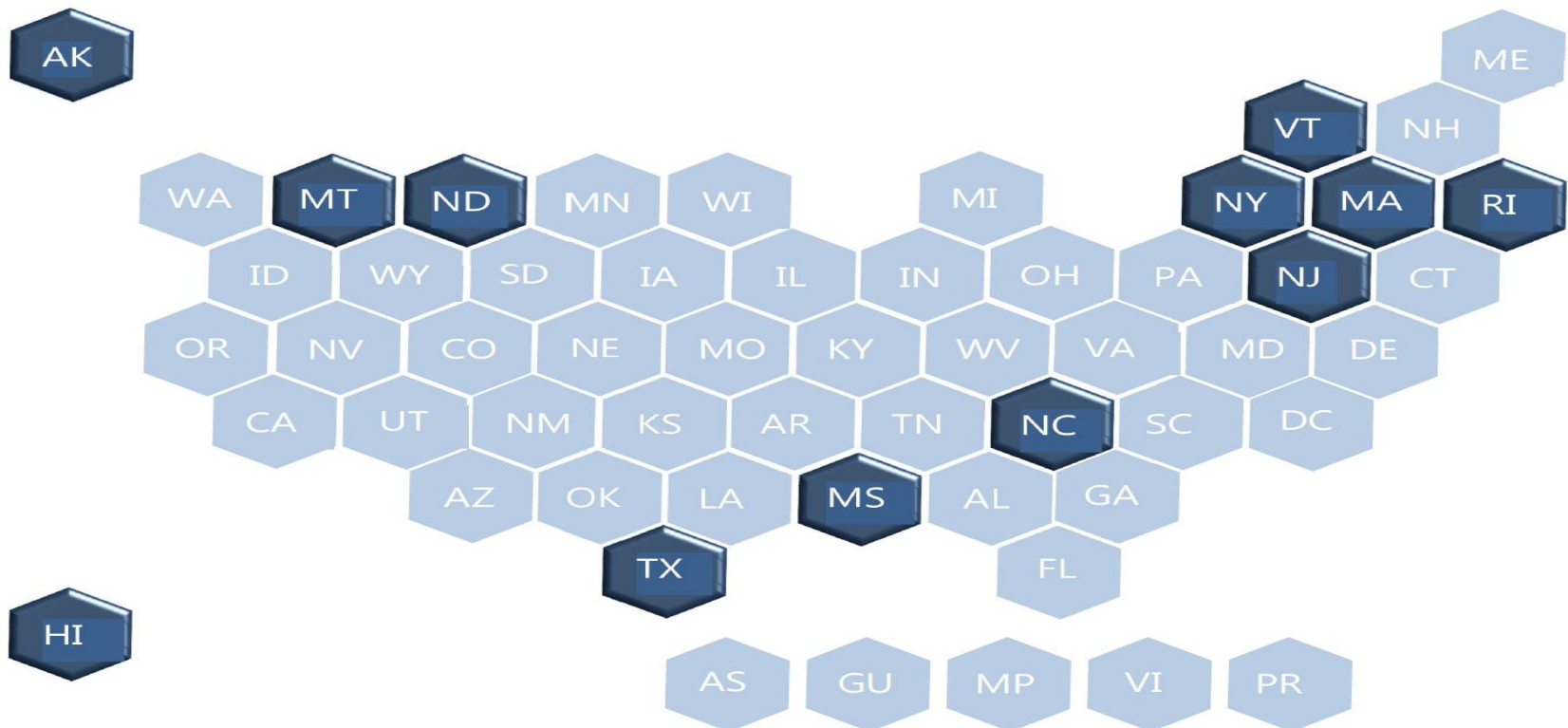


Food Safety

- NCSL tracks food safety laws and legislation in all 50 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.
- Topics covered range from safe food handling practices to the production and sale of raw milk.
- The **Environmental Health Legislation Database** contains Food Safety legislation spanning the years 2015-2017.
 - The database is accessible at:
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/environmental-health-legislation-database.aspx>



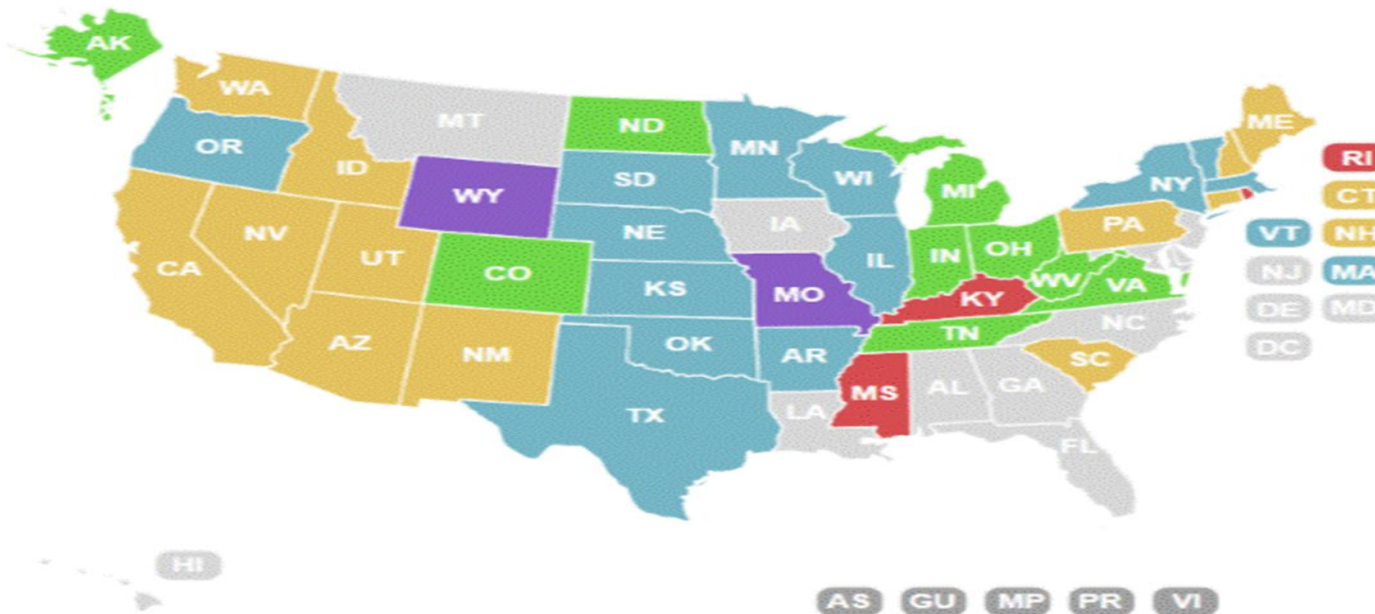
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Raw Milk State Law

States that permit the sale of raw milk in retail stores	States that allow the sale of raw milk at farmers' markets, etc.	States that allow the sale of raw milk on the farm.	States that permit cow-share programs	States that only allow the sale of raw goat milk
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West Virginia S 387 (Act No. 6 2016)

Shared Animal Ownership Agreements to Consume Raw Milk

Relates to shared animal ownership agreements to consume raw milk, requires animal ownership agreement to be signed, executed and be filed with the Commissioner of Agriculture, requires the herd seller to meet the animal health requirements for milk-producing, **prohibits sale of raw milk**

Rep. Scott Cadle, sponsor of the bill, celebrated by providing fellow legislators with raw milk, many who fell ill a short time later





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- **Hawaii** saw **6 bills** seeking to permit the sale of raw milk
- **Massachusetts H 2938; S 442** would allow licensed raw milk farmers to deliver raw milk directly to consumers
- **Mississippi H 16** would allow cow-share program
- **Montana S 300** would require signage at retail stands warning about the dangers of raw milk
- **North Carolina H 259** would allow for a cow-share program
- **New Jersey A 696; S 1414** would permit sale of raw milk
- **NY A 2552** would allow a cow-share program
- **RI S 247** specified requirements for a raw milk consumer sales program
- **Texas H 57; S 95** would regulate the sale of raw milk



Raw Milk 2017 – MT S 300 (failed)

Requires a 1 foot by 2 foot sign at point of sale stating:

“Research has found raw milk and raw milk products from cows, goats, and sheep can transmit life-threatening bacterial infections. Pediatric physicians PHYSICIANS advise ELDERLY AND IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS, pregnant women, infants, and children to consume only pasteurized milk, cheese, and other milk products.”



“For goodness sakes, if you’re allowed to go smoke a cigarette and buy a pack of cigarettes, you certainly ought to be allowed to buy raw milk”

Congressman Jared Polis, CO



**“If you’re not at the table,
you’re on the menu”**

North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner



Questions or Comments?

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