



Milk Quality Check List

Date: _____

School: _____

Check appropriate column: <i>Either YES, NO or N/A (not applicable in your cafeteria)</i>	YES	NO	N/A
Delivery: <i>Make sure you receive fresh, cold milk.</i>			
Do you test milk upon delivery for fresh smell, taste and a temperature between 33° and 41°F? (about 35°F is ideal) • Actual temperature on delivery today is _____°F.			
Are cartons clean and undamaged?			
Is the sell-by date far enough in advance to use milk?			
Is milk taken to refrigerated storage immediately upon delivery?			
Walk-In Cooler/Reach-In Refrigerator Storage: <i>Keep milk cold and away from other foods.</i>			
Was milk rotated, with fresh milk to the back and bottom?			
Is milk stored away from all other foods? <small>(Milk develops off-flavors from other foods, especially produce.)</small>			
Is cooler/refrigerator temperature checked and recorded daily?			
Is cooler/refrigerator temperature between 33° and 41° F? (about 35°F is ideal) • Actual temperature today is _____°F.			
Are spills wiped up immediately?			
Is cooler/refrigerator cleaned regularly?			
Is cooler door closed immediately after entering or exiting? <small>(For every minute door is left open, it takes 18 minutes to bring temperature back down.)</small>			
Milk Box Cooler: <i>Serve milk REALLY cold.</i>			
Was milk rotated, with fresh milk to the back and bottom?			
Are cartons clean and undamaged?			
Is milk box cooler temperature checked and recorded daily?			
Is milk box cooler temperature between 33° and 41°F? (about 35°F is ideal) <small>(Form on back for multiple coolers.)</small>			
• Actual milk box temperature today is _____°F. <small>(Make sure your milk box thermometer is accurate by comparing with a calibrated food thermometer monthly.)</small>			
Is the temperature of milk (in cartons or pouches) checked daily at the beginning and end of lunch with a calibrated thermometer?			
Is the temperature of milk at the beginning and end of lunch between 33° and 41°F? (about 35°F is ideal) • Actual milk temperature today at the beginning of lunch is _____°F. • Actual milk temperature today at the end of lunch is _____°F. <small>(Test milk from the highest level milk crate.)</small>			
Is milk box cooler thermostat set so that milk is no warmer than 35°F at beginning of lunch service, but not cold enough to freeze?			

(Milk Box Cooler...continued)	YES	NO	N/A
Are all milk cartons below load/chill line?			
Is milk box door kept closed until serving actually begins?			
Is milk box door closed during breaks in the serving line to keep milk cold?			
Are cooler curtains used on drop front coolers to maintain the cold? If yes, is the curtain clean and in good condition?			
Are fans in the serving area turned off when milk boxes are open? (Fans can pull cold air out of milk boxes, warming up milk.)			
Is milk box wiped out daily?			
Is milk box deep-cleaned at least weekly with soap and water and approved sanitizer? (Milk absorbs odor from cleaners such as ammonia and bleach; bleach damages gaskets.)			
Are drain lines flushed regularly with cleaner?			
Is milk box scheduled for regular maintenance?			
Are milk boxes free of holes or rust spots?			
Are gaskets smooth and pliable – not brittle, torn, split or ragged – allowing doors to close snugly with no air leaks?			
Are door latches in working order and tight?			
Are air vents and condenser unit free of dust and debris?			
Is milk box positioned so that air can flow freely around vent and condenser unit?			
Are electrical cords and plugs free of damage?			
Is top of box kept free of heavy objects that may damage lid or gaskets?			
Is milk box free of ice on the inside walls? (Ice decreases efficiency of cooling.)			
Are milk crates left at the lowest level possible throughout serving period? (The higher the crate, the higher the milk temperature will be.)			
Other:			
If milk is served at alternate site (pan of ice, milk barrel, etc.), does milk temperature remain between 33° and 41° F throughout serving period? • Actual milk temperature at beginning: _____°F; at end: _____°F.			
Are students allowed to serve themselves?			
Are unopened milk cartons taken by students discarded?			

MULTIPLE COOLERS	BOX 1	BOX 2	BOX 3	BOX 4	BOX 5
Milk Box Temperature					
Milk Temperature – Beginning					
Milk Temperature – End					

Did you answer “YES” to all questions? If you did, chances are the milk at your school is cold and tastes great!