

Why A Campaign for *Real Milk*

Back in the 1970s, a couple of blokes were sitting in an English pub, bemoaning the consolidation of the brewing industry in England and the decline of British beer and ale. A commodity that represented the soul of Britain—carefully brewed ales from countless small-scale manufacturers, each with a distinctive color and taste—had given way to the insipid canned beers of a few large monopolistic breweries. What was needed, they decided, was a return to traditional brewing methods. They launched *A Campaign for Real Ale*, which soon became the force that turned back the mega-brewers and reinstated varied and delicious ales to English tables and pubs.

Back in the 1920s, Americans could buy fresh raw whole milk, real clabber and buttermilk, luscious naturally yellow butter, many kinds of fresh and aged raw cheeses, and thick cream. Today's milk is accused of causing everything from allergies to cancer, but when Americans could buy Real Milk, these diseases were rare. In fact, fewer and fewer Westerners can actually consume today's pasteurized, ultrapasteurized, homogenized, fat-reduced and manipulated dairy products. Sales of fluid milk are declining relentlessly at 1 percent per year.

Back in the 1920s, Americans considered a supply of high-quality dairy products vital to American security and economic well-being. Today dairy farms are going out of business at an accelerating rate, unable to make a living on the low prices dairy farmers receive from the monopolistic dairy industry, leading to tragic rural decline.

What's needed today is a return to humane, pasture-based dairying, small-scale traditional processing and direct farm-to-consumer sales; what's needed is...

A Campaign for *Real Milk*.

Real Milk Nature's Perfect Food

Galen, Hippocrates, Pliny, Varro, Marcellus Empiricus, Bacchis and Anthimus, leading physicians of their day, all used raw milk in the treatment of disease. During the early 1900s, Dr. J. E. Crewe of the Mayo Foundation used an exclusive raw milk diet to cure TB, edema, heart failure, high blood pressure, prostate disease, urinary tract infections, diabetes, kidney disease, chronic fatigue and obesity. Today, in Germany, successful raw milk therapy is provided in some hospitals.

Studies show that children fed raw milk have more resistance to TB than children fed pasteurized milk (*Lancet*, p 1142, 5/8/37); that raw milk is very effective in preventing scurvy and protecting against flu, diphtheria and pneumonia (*Am J Dis Child*, Nov 1917); that raw milk prevents tooth decay, even in children who eat a lot of sugar (*Lancet*, p 1142, 5/8/37); that raw milk is better than pasteurized milk in promoting growth and calcium absorption (*Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin* 518, p 8, 1933); that a substance present in raw cream (but not in pasteurized cream) prevents joint stiffness and the pain of arthritis (*Annual Review of Biochemistry*, 18:435, 1944); and that children who drink raw milk have fewer allergic skin problems and far less asthma than children who drink pasteurized milk (*Clinical & Experimental Allergy*, 2007 May; 35(5) 627-630). Many parents report an improvement in their children's behavior when they switch from pasteurized to raw milk.

Raw milk contains numerous components that kill pathogenic bacteria in the milk, strengthen the immune system, protect the intestinal tract, prevent the absorption of toxins and ensure full assimilation of all the nutrients in the milk. These components are largely destroyed by pasteurization.

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Real Milk comes from real cows.

The source of most commercial milk is the modern (rather than the traditional) Holstein, bred to produce huge quantities of milk—three times more than the old-fashioned cow—and to survive on a grain-based diet rather than on grass. Her average lifespan is forty-two months, compared to about twelve years for the grass-fed cow. She must be milked three times per day, and she is very susceptible to mastitis. Her milk contains high levels of growth hormone from her pituitary gland, even when she is spared the indignities of genetically engineered bovine growth hormone, to push her to the udder limits of milk production.

Join A Campaign for *Real Milk*.
Buy milk only from old-fashioned cows,
which have lower production
and can do well on grass.

Real Milk comes from real cows that eat real feed.

Real feed for cows is green grass in spring, summer and fall, with only small amounts of grain; stored dry hay, silage and root vegetables in winter. It is not soy meal, cottonseed meal or other commercial feeds, nor is it bakery waste, chicken manure, swill from ethanol production or citrus peel cake laced with pesticides. Vital nutrients like vitamins A, D, E and K₂ are greatest in milk from cows eating green grass, especially rapidly growing green grass in the spring and fall. Vitamins A and D are greatly diminished, and vitamin K₂ disappears when milk cows are fed commercial feed. Soy meal contains thyroid-depressing estrogen compounds called isoflavones that pass through to the milk. Most milk (even most milk labeled “organic”) comes from dairy cows that are kept in confinement their entire lives and never see green grass!

Join A Campaign for *Real Milk*.
Buy milk products
only from herds allowed
to graze on green pasture.

Real Milk is not pasteurized.

Pasteurization destroys enzymes, denatures anti-microbial and immune-stimulating components, diminishes nutrient availability, denatures fragile milk proteins, destroys vitamins C, B₆ and B₁₂, kills beneficial bacteria, promotes pathogens and is associated with allergies, increased tooth decay, colic in infants, growth and behavior problems in children, osteoporosis, arthritis and heart disease. Calves fed pasteurized milk do poorly and often die before maturity. Raw milk sours naturally but pasteurized milk turns putrid. Pasteurization was instituted in the 1920s to combat TB, infant diarrhea, undulant fever and other diseases caused by poor animal nutrition, dirty production methods and infected water supplies. But times have changed and effective water treatment, stainless steel tanks, milking machines, refrigerated trucks and improved testing methods make pasteurization completely unnecessary for public protection. And pasteurization does not always kill pathogens. The bacteria for Johne’s disease, with which a large portion of confinement cows are infected, survive pasteurization; Johne’s has been linked to Crohn’s disease in humans. Much commercial milk is now ultra-pasteurized to get rid of heat-resistant pathogens and give it a longer shelf life. Ultra-pasteurization is a violent process that takes milk from a cool temperature to above the boiling point in just a few seconds. Clean raw milk from tested healthy cows is available in stores in ten states and may be bought directly from the farm or obtained through cow share or herd share programs in many more. (Sources are listed at realmilk.com.)

Join A Campaign for *Real Milk*.
Demand access to clean, raw milk in all states.
Boycott processed milk!

Real Milk is not homogenized.

Homogenization is a process that breaks down butterfat globules so they do not rise to the top. Homogenized milk has been linked to heart disease.

Join A Campaign for *Real Milk*.
Use only milk with “Cream on the Top.”

Real Milk contains butterfat,

and lots of it!

Average butterfat content from old-fashioned cows at the turn of the 20th century was over 4 percent (or more than 50 percent of calories). Today butterfat comprises less than 3 percent (or less than 35 percent of calories). Worse, consumers have been duped into believing that low-fat and skim milk products are good for them. Only by marketing low-fat and skim milk as health foods can the modern dairy industry get rid of its excess poor-quality, reduced-fat milk from modern high-production herds. Butterfat contains vitamins A and D needed for assimilation of calcium and protein in the water fraction of the milk. Without them protein and calcium are more difficult to utilize and possibly toxic. Butterfat is rich in short- and medium-chain fatty acids, which protect against disease and stimulate the immune system. It contains glycosphingolipids, which prevent intestinal distress, and conjugated linoleic acid, which has strong anticancer properties.

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Buy only full-fat milk products.

Real Milk products contain no additives.

Powdered skim milk, a source of dangerous oxidized cholesterol and neurotoxic amino acids, is added to 1% and 2% milk. Low-fat yogurts and sour creams contain mucopolysaccharide slime to give them body. Pale butter from hay-fed cows contains colorings to imitate vitamin-rich butter from grass-fed cows. Rennet produced by bio-engineered bacteria is used in large-scale cheese production. Mass-produced cheeses contain additives and colorings, and imitation cheese products contain vegetable oils.

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Boycott Counterfeits!

Real Milk can save family farms.

Pasteurization laws favor large, industrialized dairy operations and squeeze out small farmers. When farmers have the right to sell unprocessed milk directly to consumers, they can make a decent living, even with small herds.