

USDA Milk Inspector

Description

A USDA milk inspector is usually assigned a specific territory and conducts inspections of farms at least every six months (per the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance which requires that Grade A dairy farms be inspected twice yearly). They review the entire facility during the course of their visit, checking cleanliness of the milking parlor equipment, examining the health of the dairy herd and collecting milk and water samples for evaluation.

Education/Training Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business, Animal Science, or related major (required)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Animal Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics

Common Responsibilities

- Inspecting dairy farms to ensure that they adhere to various regulatory and food safety requirements
- Collecting samples and taking them to the lab for testing
- Issuing licenses to dairy producers
- Documenting violations
- Giving recommendations
- Compiling comprehensive reports that detail the conditions at dairy facilities

Typical Employers

Milk inspectors are typically employed by dairy cooperatives or milk processors.

Additional Resources