SALMONELLAE species

RAW DRINKING MILK

Generally, all Salmonellae spp are pathogenic and some are named after world famous food poisoning outbreaks:

Salmonella montevideo Salmonella ealing

Salmonella havana

Salmonella eastbourne Salmonella warsaw

MAIN SOURCES OF THE ORGANISM



- 1. Contaminated bought in feed
- 2. mess from chickens or the outside of eggshells
- 3. bird poo -
- 4. Poo from exotic animals, such as lizards, terrapins
- 5. Human & bovine carriers & infections
- 6. Raw meat where the slaughter house practice is poor
- 7. Fresh sewage and sewage used as fertiliser
- 8. Grazing and lying on recent muckspreading





KEY FACTS FOR THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

- 1. Cells and toxin destroyed at 70°C
- 2. Causes illness with toxin during multiplication and death of cells
- 3. High bird presence on farms increases the risk in raw milk
- 4. Associated with eg. peppercorns, some herbs & exotic spices, chocolate as added flavours
- 5. Some people may be carriers therefore handwashing is crucial to prevent contamination where it has not been diagnosed
- 6. Surpassed by Campylobacter as main cause of food poisoning in UK
- 7. No Raw Milk Salmonellae identified in MAFF survey 1996, SCA survey 2012 & SDT Paper 1995 cited 0.36%
- 8. Rare contamination incidences in specialist cheesemakers' milk associated with bird roosts esp starlings.

KEY POLICIES & PROCEDURES ADOPTED by the Industry



- 1 Strict handwashing
- 2 Reporting any intestinal illness to management
- 3 Reporting to management when returning from overseas
- 4 Control of flies, rodents and birds, especially pigeons and seagulls
- 5 Reject pallets with food and pest residues on them
- 6 Control of visitors and contractors
- 7 Pest control especially scavenging birds
- 8 Inspection of delivered goods for pest matter

