# Raw Milk Waiver

This waiver is a release, and it limits your rights for recovering damages in the case of illness, disease, or death, and it sets forth certain indemnification obligations.

## **Government Regulation Of Raw Milk**

While federal law prevents the distribution or sale of raw milk across state lines, Missouri state statutes<sup>1</sup> allow for the sale of raw milk and manufactured dairy products within the state of Missouri directly from a farm for an individual's own use.

#### The Risks Of Raw Milk

The United States Government, including the CDC<sup>2</sup>, and FDA<sup>3</sup> all publish information about the risks of raw milk. The NIH<sup>4</sup> says that "raw milk is not inherently safe and carries a significant food poisoning risk with its consumption" and the USDA<sup>5</sup> states that "raw milk from a cow must be pasteurized to be safe."

By signing this waiver, you acknowledge that you are aware of the risks inherent to the consumption of raw milk, including that of illness, disease, or death, including from pathogenic bacteria. You also acknowledge that you know how to pasteurize milk<sup>6</sup>. You also acknowledge that the raw milk you are buying is produced, handled, and stored in a facility that is not subject to regulation and inspection by any regulatory authority. You are encouraged to read the government's documentation referenced in the footnotes of this waiver before signing.

## Waiver Of Liability

By signing this waiver, you release Bumblebee Pastures, Kerrick Long, Jennifer Long, and their heirs, successors, and assigns (referred to as "Releasees") from any liability to yourself, any minor or other member of your household, your heirs, successors, and assigns for any and all loss, damage, claims, or demands due to illness, disease, or death to you or any minor or any member of your household.

#### Indemnification

By signing this waiver, you indemnify Releasees against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, and claims related to the consumption of raw milk that I or anybody in my household may have purchased from Releasees, or related to the terms, conditions or enforcement of this waiver.

### **Enforceability**

By signing this waiver, you acknowledge your intent to indemnify Releasees and waive liability. If any part of this waiver is determined to be partly or entirely unenforceable by a court, you confirm that the court should re-write that part in a way that it becomes enforceable while upholding your and Releasees' intent.

Signature	Printed Name	Date

- 1. 196.931–196.953 RSMo
- 2. https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/rawmilk/
- 3. <a href="https://www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/dangers-raw-milk-unpasteurized-milk-can-pose-serious-health-risk">https://www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/dangers-raw-milk-unpasteurized-milk-can-pose-serious-health-risk</a>
- 4. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4890836/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4890836/</a>
- 5. <a href="https://ask.usda.gov/s/article/ls-raw-milk-safe">https://ask.usda.gov/s/article/ls-raw-milk-safe</a>
- 6. https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Milk-Pasteurization.pdf