



Background

On January 11, 1868, a dairy distributing milk in Brooklyn, New York delivered the product to customers in glass bottles, marking the first time this had ever been done.

Making It Work

Ask how many of your students have ever had their milk delivered by a milkman. Where do they get their milk? What kind of container does it come in?



Day 1—Milk Around the World

Materials

- classroom wall map of the world
- encyclopedias or other illustrated reference materials

Activity

Give students these interesting facts about the history of milk in an oral, large-group lesson. Find each area on the world map. Find pictures of these animals and the countries where they live in reference materials.

- Records from ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia (now Iran), and India show that people raised dairy cattle at least 6,000 years ago.
- Cows provide much of the milk used in the United States.
- Goat milk is popular in countries around the Mediterranean Sea, Norway, Switzerland, Latin America, parts of Asia and Africa, and in the mountain areas of the southwestern U.S.
- Camel milk is used in the deserts of Arabia and Central Asia.
- Llama milk is used in the Andes regions of South America.
- People get milk from reindeer, horses, and yaks in some Arctic regions.
- Sheep provide milk in Spain, Italy, and the Netherlands.
- Water buffalo supply milk in the rain forests of India and the Philippines and in much of Southeast Asia.