

As I Remember

A Civil War Veteran reflects on the War and its aftermath through personal reminiscences, diaries and correspondence

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Milk Wagons

Milk wagons were of these principal types.



The most used was where the driver mounts over the front wheel and is open at the back end. The driver would reach the product through the rear door.



Some had a flat bottom with a door in the middle. This enabled the driver to enter, dismount and reach the products in the wagon.



A variation had a step down in the middle to make it easier for the driver to enter, dismount and reach into the wagon.



Another has a step and door in the rear and the man drives standing up with the cases of bottles in front of him.

1915 Data on Horse-Vehicle Operation

One - horse wagon cost...\$275
Horse cost...\$250
Harness...\$45

Performance

Miles traveled per day...20 miles av
Trips per wagon per day...one
Deliveries per wagon per day...150-1n-250
Pounds hauled per wagon per day...1,800

Miles Traveled, Load Carried and Quarts Delivered by the Wagons of Dealers in District of Columbia,

Number of wagons...63
Number of dealers...14
Ave Miles traveled...18.60
Ave load in Quarts per wagon...301.8
Ave. Number of hours milk dealers carried milk on delivery wagons in Wash.DC....6hr

The Dairy Division of the US Department of Agriculture data

The data collected by Thompson



The single greatest advantage of a horse over a gasoline-powered truck was the fact that Old Dobbin could follow the deliveryman down each block and thus avoid the constant stopping-and-starting of its noisy exhaust-belching competitor. Drivers would carry a dozen bottles of milk in a hand-held rack as they worked their way down the street on foot, delivering door-to-door. Once they reached the end of the block they would find their faithful horse waiting for them, and the process would be repeated until completion of the route.

