

The passage of the Pure Food and Drug in 1906 had profound impacts on consumer protection, public health, and government regulation. This was also a great part of the progressive movement- a period of widespread social and political reform with the goal of addressing the problems brought by industrialization urbanization and concentration of wealth. The Pure Food and Drug Act and Meat Inspection Act aimed to protect consumers from unsafe food and deceptive practices by regulating the production, labeling, and distribution of food and drugs. Exposés by journalists like Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" revealed unsanitary and unsafe conditions in the meatpacking industry and generated public outrage paving the way for reforms. Establishing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was a significant step in government administration of public safety. Today the FDA continues to play a crucial role in ensuring the safety of food, drugs, and medical equipment.

Number of inspections for food, drugs, and medical equipment:

