

# Human Food History Time Line

50,000 BCE

Cave dwellers left wild date seeds along with evidence of pine nuts, walnuts, acorns, chestnuts etc. in the Shanidar Cave located in Northern Iraq.

29,000 BCE

Paleolithic people in Central Europe cook mammoth and other animals in cooking pits.

10,000 BCE

Goats were domesticated in the Near East (Greece & Turkey).

7000 BCE

Farmers in China began to farm rice using man-made floods and fires as part of their cultivation method.

5,000 BCE

Maize (corn) was being cultivated in the Andes.

3,000 BCE

The Chinese began eating noodles.

4th Century BCE

Sushi originated in Southeast Asia in the 4th century B.C. as a method for preserving fish. The fermentation of the rice prevented the fish from spoiling.

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About 1390 AD

The oldest surviving cookbook in English was published. The title was 'The Forme of Cury.'

1493 AD

Columbus brought cattle with him to the New World on his 2nd voyage. (Caribbean Islands).

1550 AD

The first cafe in the world opened in Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey).

1719 AD

The first potato planted in the United States was planted in Londonderry Common Field, New Hampshire.

1800 AD

The first soup kitchens in London were opened to serve the poor.

1839 AD

Kitchens were installed on buses in Paris to serve food. The venture failed, but they were probably the first 'dining cars'.

1849 AD

Self service restaurants first appear in San Francisco during the California gold rush of 1849. You went down the line with a tray, picked what you wanted, and paid at the end of the line.

1879 AD

African-American inventor, Thomas Elkins received a patent for a refrigerating machine, which could be used to cool food.

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1894 AD

Coca Cola was first bottled by Joseph A. Biedenharn of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Before that it was only mixed to order at the soda fountain.