



## **KFC HISTORY-AT-A-GLANCE**

### **9/9/1890**

Harland Sanders is born just outside Henryville, Indiana.

### **1900-1924**

Harland Sanders holds a variety of jobs including: farm hand, streetcar conductor, army private in Cuba, blacksmith's helper, railyard fireman, insurance salesman, tire salesman and service station operator for Standard Oil.

### **1930**

In the midst of the depression, Harland Sanders opens his first restaurant in the small front room of a gas station in Corbin, Kentucky. Sanders serves as station operator, chief cook and cashier and names the dining area "Sanders Court & Café."

### **1936**

Kentucky Governor Ruby Laffoon makes Harland Sanders an honorary Kentucky Colonel in recognition of his contributions to the state's cuisine.

### **1937**

The Sanders Court & Café adds a motel and expands the restaurant to 142 seats.

### **1939**

The Sanders Court & Café is first listed in Duncan Hines' "Adventures in Good Eating."

Fire destroys The Sanders Court & Café, but it is rebuilt and reopened.

The pressure cooker is introduced. Soon thereafter Colonel Sanders begins using it to fry his chicken to give customers fresh chicken, faster.

### **1940**

Birthdate of the Original Recipe

### **1949**

Sanders marries Claudia Price.

### **1952**

The Colonel begins actively franchising his chicken business by traveling from town to town and cooking batches of chicken for restaurant owners and employees.

The Colonel awards Pete Harman of Salt Lake City with the first KFC franchise. A handshake agreement stipulates a payment of a nickel to Sanders for each chicken sold.

### **1955**

An interstate highway is built to bypass Corbin, Kentucky. Sanders sells the service station on the same day that he receives his first social security check for \$105. After paying debts owed, he is virtually broke. He decides to go on the road to sell his Secret Recipe to restaurants.

### **1957**

Kentucky Fried Chicken first sold in buckets

### **1960**

The Colonel's hard work on the road begins to pay off and there are 190 KFC franchisees and 400 franchise units in the U.S. and Canada.



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### **1964**

Kentucky Fried Chicken has more than 600 franchised outlets in the United States, Canada and the first overseas outlet, in England.

Sanders sells his interest in the U.S. company for \$2 million to a group of investors headed by John Y. Brown Jr., future governor of Kentucky. The Colonel remains a public spokesman for the company.

### **1965**

Colonel Sanders receives the Horatio Alger Award from the American Schools and Colleges Association.

### **1966**

The Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation goes public.

### **1969**

The Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

### **1971**

More than 3,500 franchised and company-owned restaurants are in worldwide operation when Heublein Inc. acquires KFC Corporation.

### **1976**

An independent survey ranks the Colonel as the world's second most recognizable celebrity.

### **1977**

Colonel Sanders speaks before a U.S. Congressional Committee on Aging.

### **1979**

KFC cooks up 2.7 billion pieces of chicken. There are approximately 6,000 KFC restaurants worldwide with sales of more than \$2 billion.

### **12/16/1980**

Colonel Harland Sanders, who came to symbolize quality in the food industry, dies after being stricken with leukemia. Flags on all Kentucky state buildings fly at half-staff for four days.

### **1982**

Kentucky Fried Chicken becomes a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. (now RJR Nabisco, Inc.) when Heublein, Inc. is acquired by Reynolds.

### **1986**

PepsiCo, Inc. acquires KFC from RJR Nabisco, Inc.

### **1997**

PepsiCo, Inc. announces the spin-off of its quick service restaurants - KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut - into Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc.

### **2002**

Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc., the world's largest restaurant company, changes its corporate name to YUM! Brands, Inc. In addition to KFC, the company owns A&W® All-American Food® Restaurants, Long John Silvers®, Pizza Hut® and Taco Bell® restaurants.

### **2006**

More than a billion of the Colonel's "finger lickin' good" chicken dinners are served annually in more than 80 countries and territories around the world.