

- 1858** John Mason patents the Mason Jar.
- 1880** Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company founded in Buffalo, NY; began producing fruit jars in 1884.
- 1887** Renamed Ball Corporation, the company relocates to Muncie, IN.
- 1898** Ball Corporation makes first entry into wire bail jars.
- 1903** The Kerr Group introduces the Kerr® brand in Portland, OR.
- 1909** Earliest version of the Ball Blue Book® Guide to Preserving known as "The Correct Method for Preserving Fruit" written by George A. Ball and wife Frances Woodworth Ball.
- 1920** Glass jars with a tin dust cover used for preserving jelly are introduced.
- 1934** Ball Corporation introduces two-piece latex lids.
- 1957** Fruit-Fresh® Produce Protector introduced to marketplace by Benckiser, Danbury, CT.
- 1968** Ball Corporation develops plastisol sealant used on lids, and red "rubber" latex is no longer produced.
- 1988** The USDA updates home canning guidelines.
- 1988** Ball® Fruit Pectin introduced.
- 1993** Ball Corporation exits the home canning business through a spin-off of a new company, Alltrista Consumer Products.
- 1994** Alltrista Consumer Products acquires Fruit-Fresh® Produce Protector from Benckiser.
- 1994** Alltrista Consumer Products acquires Bernardin, a Canadian brand of fresh preserving products.
- 1996** Alltrista Consumer Products acquires license for Kerr® branded fresh preserving products, and gains broader distribution in the Western United States.
- 2002** Ball® No Cook Freezer Jam Fruit Pectin is introduced.
- 2005** Alltrista Consumer Products changes name to Jarden Home Brands, connecting the company to the strong performance of its parent company, Jarden Corporation, and focuses on brands with share leadership in multiple categories.
- 2005** Ball® Plastic Freezer Jars introduced as an easy storage solution for homemade freezer jams and salsas.
- 2007** Ball® and Kerr® FreshPreserving™ products get a makeover with more natural ingredients, added versatility, new flavors and fresh, colorful packaging.