

Candy Time Line

- 2000 BC - Cocoa beans are discovered in the Amazon Rain Forest.
- 600 - Mayan Indians enjoy cocoa brew.
- 1200 - Aztec Indians realize and enjoy cocoa brew.
- 1502 - Columbus returns to Spain with cocoa beans.
- 1580 - Cocoa drinks become popular in Spain - sugar added.
- 1615 - Italy discovers cocoa from Spain.
- 1625 - Spain uses cocoa beans as currency.
- 1657 - The first chocolate shop opens in London.
- 1755 - Chocolate makes it to America.
- 1765 - The first chocolate is manufactured in America.
- 1780 - Spain introduces the first machine made chocolate in the world.
- 1828 - Conrad Van Houten invents and patents the Cocoa Bean Screw Press.
- 1847 - Fry & Sons of Bristol create cocoa paste.
- 1849 - Domingo Ghirardelli opens his first chocolate factory.
- 1854 - Whitman's creates the first box of chocolates.
- 1866 - Cadbury produces the first pure cocoa in Brittan.
- 1868 - Cadbury introduces its first boxed chocolate.
- 1871 - Thomas Adams invents a gum manufacturing device.
- 1871 - Thomas Adams invents the Gum Giving Machine now known as the Gumball Machine.
- 1871 - Thomas Adams introduces Black Jack Gum. The first stick gum.
- 1875 - Nestle introduces the first milk chocolate.
- 1879 - Rodolphe Lindt invents the tedious amalgamation process of conching. Smooth and firm chocolate.
- 1884 - The Wunderle Candy Company introduces Candy Corn.
- 1888 - Thomas Adams introduces Tutti Frutti chewing gum to be sold in his Gum Giving Machine.
- 1892 - William Wrigley opens the Wrigley Chewing Gum Company.
- 1893 - Wrigley introduces Juicy Fruit and Spearmint gum.
- 1893 - Cracker Jacks are introduced at the Chicago World's Fair.
- 1894 - The Hershey company starts to produce chocolate.
- 1894 - Goelitz Candy makes Candy Corn famous.
- 1896 - Leo Hirshfield invents the Tootsie Roll.
- 1899 - Dentyne gum was introduced in New York.
- 1900 - Hershey introduces the Milk Chocolate Candy Bar.
- 1900 - Hershey Balls are introduced.
- 1900 - Chiclets Gum is introduced.
- 1900 - Cotton Candy is invented.
- 1901 - The New England Confectionery Company introduces the Necco wafer.
- 1901 - The Quality Candy Company introduces the Pure Peppermint Stick Candy.
- 1902 - Necco introduces the first Conversation Hearts Valentine Hearts Candy.
- 1905 - The Squirrel Brand Candy Company introduces the first Peanut Candy Bar.
- 1907 - Hershey introduces the Chocolate Kiss candy.
- 1908 - George Smith stumbles onto the lollipop concept.
- 1912 - Lifesavers introduces Peppermint Lifesavers.
- 1912 - A toy is added to Cracker Jacks.
- 1913 - Jules Sechaud of Switzerland introduces the first candy surrounded with chocolate.

1914 - The American Licorice Company introduced Black Vines.
1914 - Wrigley introduces Doublemint gum.
1917 - The Clark Bar is introduced.
1919 - Spangler Candy Company introduces the Cherry Ball.
1920 - Harry Burt introduces the Good Humor Candy Bar.
1920 - Panda Confections opens in Finland introducing Panda Licorice.
1920 - The Baby Ruth Bar is introduced.
1921 - Peter Paul introduces the Mounds Candy Bar.
1921 - Chuckles introduces a colorful, sweet jelly candy.
1921 - O Henry.
1922 - Almond Rocha is introduced.
1923 - The Chocolate Manufacturers Association (CMA) was created.
1923 - The Curtiss Candy Company introduces the Butterfinger Candy Bar.
1923 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the Milky Way Bar.
1923 - Mounds Candy Bar is introduced.
1924 - The Dum Dum Sucker is introduced.
1925 - Bit-O-Honey candy is introduced.
1925 - The New York Cocoa Exchange is created.
1925 - Mr. Goodbar is introduced.
1926 - Milk Duds are introduced.
1927 - Mike and Ike Candy is introduced.
1928 - Heath Candy Bars are introduced.
1928 - A Flier employee perfected a bubble gum that would not stick to teeth called Double Bubble.
1928 - Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are introduced.
1929 - Pez Candy is introduced.
1930 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the Snickers Bar.
1931 - Tootsie Pops are introduced.
1932 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the Almond Candy Bar.
1932 - Ferrara Pan Candy Company introduces Red Hots.
1932 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the Three Musketeers Bar.
1932 - The Heath Candy Bar is introduced.
1934 - Sugar Daddy Candy debuts.
1935 - Sugar Babies Candy is born.
1935 - Five flavor Lifesavers are introduced.
1936 - William Luden introduces the 5th Avenue Candy Bar.
1937 - Smarties Candy debuts. (that is the American version which is a candy not to be confused with the Canadian version that is chocolate.
1937 - Rolo Candy is introduced.
1937 - The Kit Kat Bar is introduced.
1937 - Good and Plenty Candy is introduced.
1938 - Hershey introduces the Krackel Candy Bar.
1938 - The Nestle Crunch Bar is introduced.
1939 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Miniature Dark Chocolate Bars.
1940 - Peppermint Patties are introduced.
1941 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Chocolate M&Ms.
1945 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the new All Nougat Milky Way Candy Bar.

1945 - Junior Mints debut.

1946 - Peter Paul introduces the Almond Joy Bar.

1949 - Pez introduces the first Pez Candy Dispenser.

1949 - Smarties introduces Candy Disks.

1949 - Jolly Rancher Candy is introduced.

1949 - Whoppers Malted Milk Balls are introduced.

1950 - Bob's Candy Canes are introduced.

1954 - Just Born introduces Marshmallow Peeps shaped and colored like yellow chickens.

1954 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Peanut M&Ms.

1956 - Pop Rocks are introduced.

1960 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Starburst Fruit Chew Candy.

1960 - Amurrol Confections introduces the first sugar free gum called Blammo.

1960 - Ferrara Pan Candy Company introduces Lemonheads.

1963 - Sweet Tarts are introduced.

1970 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the Snickers Candy Bar.

1976 - Goelitz introduces Jelly Belly Jelly Beans.

1976 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Orange M&Ms.

1978 - Reese's introduces Reese's Pieces Candy.

1979 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Twix Caramel Bars.

1980 - Goelitz introduces American made Gummy Worms and Gummy Bears.

1981 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Skittles Candy to the USA.

1992 - The Mars Candy Company introduces the Dove Bar. Available in dark or milk chocolate.

1994 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Starburst Jellybeans.

1994 - Blitz Power Mints are introduced.

1995 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Blue M&Ms.

1996 - Brown & Haley introduce Zingos Mints.

1996 - The Mars Candy Company introduces Color Works M&Ms with 21 colors.

1996 - The Mars Candy Company introduces M&Ms Minis.

1999 - Hershey's Bites are introduced.

1999 - The Mars Candy Company introduces M&Ms Crispy Chocolate Candies.

2000 - Ferrara Pan Candy Company introduces Lemonhead and Atomic Fireball Lollipops.

2001 - Jelly Belly introduces Jelly Belly Candy Canes.

2001 - The Mars Candy Company introduces M&M Dulce De Leche Candy.

2002 - The Mars Candy Company adds Purple M&Ms through a Global vote for a new color.

2003 - Panda Licorice Company introduces Lakumix, seven flavors in one bag.

2004 - Hershey introduces York Chocolate Truffle Mint Patties, Limited edition