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## Consumers Warned About Recalled Sprouts Produced by Amalgamated Produce Inc. (API) of Bridgeport

HARTFORD, April 9 -- Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Jr. today warned consumers that sprout products produced by Amalgamated Produce Inc. (API) of Bridgeport, Connecticut are being recalled based on a sample collected from a supermarket in New York that tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. The sprouts products have been carried by Stop and Shop, Shoprite and Price Chopper stores in Connecticut.

Though there are no illnesses reported in Connecticut, API is recalling its sprouts that have the potential to be contaminated.

The following products are being recalled. All items have a sell by date code from 3/31/09 through 4/27/09 and are net weight 4 ounces in plastic containers, with the noted exceptions of the 8-oz. Nature's Promise Organic Alfalfa and the five pound bag of bulk alfalfa sprouts.

BRAND	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UPC
Specialty Farms	Organic Alfalfa Sprouts	8192400052
Specialty Farms	Organic Sprout Salad	8192400024
Specialty Farms	Organic Spicy Sprouts	8192400058
Specialty Farms	Organic Crunchy Sprouts	8192400061
Specialty Farms	Organic Crunchy Pea Mix	“ “
Specialty Farms	Organic Clover Sprouts	8192400042
Specialty Farms	Lucky Clover Sprouts	8192400091
Vermont Sprout House	Organic Alfalfa Sprouts	2213601290
Vermont Sprout House	Organic Clover	2213601293
Vermont Sprout House	Organic Bean Mix	2213601180
Nature's Promise	Organic Zesty Sprouts	8826703903
Nature's Promise	Organic Alfalfa Spouts	8826704741
Nature's Promise	Organic Alfalfa Sprouts (8 oz)	8826704102
Nature's Promise	Organic Sprouts to Munch	8826704100
BroccoSprouts	Broccoli Sprouts	1509800025
BroccoSprouts Salad Blend	Broccoli, clover & radish	1509800026
BroccoSprouts Deli Blend	Broccoli, clover & mustard	1509800027
BroccoSprouts Organic	Broccoli Sprouts -- 100% organic	1509800118
BroccoSprouts Organic Deli Blend	100% organic broccoli, clover, mustard	1509800120
BroccoSprouts Organic Salad Blend	100% organic broccoli, clover, radish	150980119
5 pound bulk alfalfa	Plastic bagged sprouts in a box with sticker identifying 5 pound bulk alfalfa, julien dates 069 through 097.	

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Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms from Listeria, such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Stores throughout the Northeast and Connecticut have received shipments of these items, and are being directed to remove them immediately from store shelves. Consumer Protection inspectors and the Food and Drug Administration are working with API to determine the source of the contamination. Consumers with sprouts from this company should discard the product immediately or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

The Department of Consumer Protection continues its ongoing work with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to assist in the evaluation of recalls of food and other products.

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