



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

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To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Certified Food Inspectors

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Subject: **Recall of Parkers Farm, Inc. of Coon Rapids, Minnesota Food Products Due to Potential Contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* UPDATED**

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) posted an alert to consumers about an expansion of the January 8, 2010, product recall issued by Parkers Farm, Inc., of Coon Rapids, Minnesota. The company has expanded its voluntary product recall to include all products produced under its label, as well as a number of products marketed under other labels and produced at its Coon Rapids facility. The company took this action after further investigation by MDA determined that all products produced at the company's Coon Rapids facility may have been contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria.

The following is the most recent list of recalled products sold under the Parker Farm or Parkers label that was updated on January 14, 2010.

The following recalled products were:

~~~12 ounce & 16 ounce peanut butter in square plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), regular and organic varieties are creamy, crunchy, honey creamy and honey crunchy with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~34 ounce peanut butter in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are creamy and crunchy with sell by dates on or before 09/30/2010.

~~~7 ounce bagel spreads in white plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are garden veggie, wild berry, strawberry, apple cinnamon and honey walnut with sell by dates on or before 06/30/2010.

~~~12 ounce & 14 ounce dips & spreads in square plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are jalapeno nacho, pimento and salsa con queso with sell by dates on or before 09/30/2010.

~~~8 ounce, 12 ounce and 16 ounce cold pack cheese in round or square plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, bacon, onion, smoked cheddar, Swiss almond, horseradish, garlic, port wine, and Swiss & cheddar with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~16 ounce salsa in square plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are hot, mild, garlic, black bean and fire roasted with sell by dates on or before 04/30/2010.

~~~32 ounce salsa in plastic jugs (clear jug with screw cap), varieties are hot, mild, garlic, and black bean with sell by dates on or before 04/30/2010.

~~~128 ounce salsa in plastic jugs (clear jug with screw cap), varieties are hot, fire roasted, mild and garlic with sell by dates on or before 04/30/2010.

~~~8 ounce, 9 ounce, 10 ounce Balls & Logs (in film overwrap), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, smokey bacon, ranch, garlic, jalapeno, pimento, spinach, jajik, beer and chorizo with sell by dates on or before 01/05/2011.

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~~~5#, 5.5#, 10#, 30# Parker Farm cold pack cheese (white tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, onion, bacon, smoked cheddar, Swiss almond, horseradish, garlic, port wine, and Swiss & cheddar with sell by dates on or before 09/30/2010.

Other labels affected by this recall:

~~~16 ounce Happy Farms cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine and Swiss almond with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~8 ounce Kroger cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine and Swiss almond with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~8 ounce Central Markets cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, Swiss almond, horseradish with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~14 ounce Central Markets salsa con queso in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid) with sell by dates on or before 09/30/2010.

~~~16 ounce Central Markets salsa in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, Swiss almond, horseradish with sell by dates on or before 04/30/2010.

~~~8 ounce Dutch Farms cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, Swiss almond, horseradish, and Swiss & cheddar with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~7 ounce Dutch Farms cream cheese spreads in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are strawberry, wild berry, honey walnut & apple cinnamon with sell by dates on or before 06/30/2010.

~~~8 ounce Crystal Farms cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, Swiss almond, bacon and jalapeno cheddar with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~8 ounce Heluva Good cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine and horseradish cheddar with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~8 ounce Amish Classic cold pack cheese in round plastic containers (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, Swiss almond, horseradish with sell by dates on or before 12/31/2010.

~~~10 ounce Amish Classic cheese balls & logs (in film overwrap), varieties are cheddar, port wine, ranch, smokey bacon, beef n onion with sell by dates on or before 01/05/2011.

~~~128 ounce San Pablo salsa in plastic jugs (clear jug with screw cap), varieties are fire roasted and mild with sell by dates on or before 04/30/2010.

~~~12 ounce Century Resources cold pack cheese food (tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, horseradish, bacon with a sell by date of xxx9 (the first 3 digits aren't important, but the last digit must be a 9)

~~~12 ounce Century Resources pimento spread (tub with snap on lid) with a sell by date of xxx9 (the first 3 digits aren't important, but the last digit must be a 9).

~~~8 ounce and 12/12 ounce Century Resources cheese ball & log (in film overwrap) sharp cheddar with a sell by date of xxx9 (the first 3 digits aren't important, but the last digit must be a 9)

~~~12 ounce Century Resources salsa con queso (tub with snap on lid) with a sell by date of xxx9 (the first 3 digits aren't important, but the last digit must be a 9)

~~~4#, 5.5# Block & Barrel cold pack cheese (white tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, Swiss almond, horseradish, port wine and pimiento spread with packed on dates on or before 12/30/2009.

~~~30# Block & Barrel sharp cheddar cold pack cheese (white pail with snap on lid) with packed on dates on or before 12/30/2009.

~~~5# Cobblestone cold pack cheese (white tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, Swiss almond, horseradish with sell by dates on or before 06/30/2010.

~~~30# Cobblestone sharp cheddar cold pack cheese (white pail with snap on lid) with sell by dates on or before 06/30/2010.

~~~5# Biery label cold pack cheese (white tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar and port wine with sell by dates on or before 09/30/2010.

~~~~~5# Dierks Waukesha cold pack cheese (white tub with snap on lid), varieties are sharp cheddar, port wine, horseradish, Swiss almond with sell by dates on or before 09/30/2010.

According to Parkers Farm, the products subject to recall were distributed in retail stores nationwide including Hy-Vee, Cub, Rainbow, Lunds/Byerly's, Target, Whole Foods, Jewel, Dominicks, Marsh, Price Chopper, Shop Rite, Nash Finch, Sams Club, Costco, Safeway, Kroger, Wal-Mart, and Aldi stores. Parkers Farm asks consumers who have purchased these products to return them to their place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may call the company directly at 1-800-869-6685.

To this point, no illnesses have been linked with this recall. However, consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially serious disease marked by fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis, but it can sometimes cause fatal infections in infants, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis can also lead to miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women. Any consumers who believe they may have become ill after eating the products should contact their health care provider.

The Food Protection Program is aware of the following CT retail food stores and locations that may have received the recalled products: (Please note that there may be other locations.)

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| <u>Aldi's</u> | <u>Shoprite</u> |
| 110 Middle Street, Bristol, CT | 1200 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, CT |
| 801 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT | 143 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT |
| Washington Street, Middletown, CT | 49 Pershing Drive, Derby, CT |
| 238 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT | 214 Spencer Street, Manchester, CT |
| 2640 Berlin Tpke, Newington, CT | 155 Cherry Street, Milford, CT |
| 693 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT | 351 Frontage Road, New London, CT |
| 1863 Silas Deane Hwy, Rocky Hill, CT | 360 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, CT |
| 295 Rye St. S. Windsor, CT | 943 Wolcott Street, Waterbury, CT |
| 320 East Elm Street, Torrington, CT | 1131 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT |
| 1248 S Broad St Wallingford, CT | |
| 62 Chase Avenue, Waterbury, CT | <u>Target Stores</u> |
| 464 Reidville Drive, Waterbury, CT | 20 West Main Street, Ansonia CT |
| | 7 Stony Hill Road, Bethel CT |
| <u>Costco</u> | 2177 Killingly Commons, Dayville CT |
| 200 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT | 90 Elm Street, Enfield CT |
| 75 Freshwater Blvd, Enfield, CT | 195 River Road, Lisbon CT |
| 1718 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT | 125 Buckland Hills Drive, Manchester CT |
| 779 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, CT | 474 Chamberlain Hwy, Meriden CT |
| 3600 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT | 1191 Boston Post Road, Milford CT |
| | 475 Hartford Road, New Britain CT |
| <u>Price Chopper</u> | 3265 Berlin Turnpike, Newington CT |
| 121 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, CT | 200 Universal Dr N, North Haven CT |
| 2985 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT | 25 Boston Post Road, Orange CT |

| <u>Price Chopper, continued</u> | <u>Target Stores, continued</u> |
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| 251 Kennedy Drive Putnam, CT | 600 Executive Blvd, Southington CT |
| 410 Queen Street Southington, CT | 21 Broad Street, Stamford CT |
| 156 990 Torrington Street, Torrington, CT | 1922 E Main Street, Torrington CT |
| 75 Talcottville Rd, Vernon, CT | 120 Hawley Lane, Trumbull CT |
| 675 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor | 5065 Main Street, Trumbull CT |
| | 300 Chase Avenue, Waterbury CT |
| <u>Sam's Club</u> | 1075 Kennedy Road, Windsor CT |
| 245 Wilbur Cross Highway, Berlin, CT | 900 Hartford Tpke, Waterford CT |
| 69 Pavilion Drive, Manchester, CT | |
| 2 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT | |

| <u>Walmart Supercenters</u> | <u>Whole Foods</u> |
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| 1365 Boston Post Road, Milford | 1686 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT |
| 3164 Berlin Turnpike. Newington | 340 N. Main Street. West Hartford, CT |
| 315 Foxon Boulevard, New Haven | 50 Raymond Road, West Hartford, CT |
| 680 Connecticut Ave, Norwalk | 399 Post Road West, Westport, CT |
| 474 Boston Post Road, North Windham | 90 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT |
| 665 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook | 55 Welles Street, Glastonbury, CT |
| 150 Barnum Avenue Cutoff. Stratford | 150 Ledge Road, Darien, CT |
| 844 N Colony Rd, Wallingford | |
| 155 Parkway North, Waterford | |

To view the updated recall notice on FDA's website, go to
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm197823.htm>

The Department of Consumer Protection, (DCP) Food & Standard Division is aware of the recall and will be conducting effectiveness checks. The DCP should be contacted at 860-713-6160 for additional information and follow-up.

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