

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

EHS Circular Letter # 2010-07-02

Date: July 30, 2010

To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Certified Food Inspectors
Interested Parties

From: Food Protection Program

Subject: Specialty Farms Sprout Expanded Recall

Specialty Farms, of Bridgeport, CT, is expanding their recall of certain Alfalfa sprout products with a best if sold by date of "8/3/2010" and "8/1/2010" because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Specialty-Farms, LLC is voluntarily recalling Specialty Farms brand Organic Alfalfa Sprouts Blend and Organic Sprout Salad, 4 ounces plastic containers, both have a best if sold by date of **8/3/2010** as noted below:

Brand	Item Description	UPC
• Specialty Farms	Organic Alfalfa Sprouts Blend	1509800108
• Specialty Farms	Organic Sprout Salad	8192400024

Specialty-Farms, LLC is also voluntarily recalling **Stop & Shop brand Natures Promise Organic Alfalfa Sprouts** 4 ounce container and 8 ounce bag and Natures Promise Organic Zesty Sprouts 4 ounce, best if sold by date of **8/1/2010**, as noted below. [Further identification on the package includes the following: Certified Organic by NOFA-NY, Certified Organic LLC.]

Brand	Item Description	UPC
• Natures Promise	Organic Alfalfa Sprouts (4 oz)	8826704741
• Natures Promise	Organic Alfalfa Sprouts (8 oz)	8826704102
• Natures Promise	Organic Zesty Sprouts (4 oz)	8826703903

The products have been distributed thru distributors and to retail stores in CT, NH, MA, ME, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

Specialty-Farms, LLC voluntarily recalled sprouts on July 29, 2010 after laboratory analysis found positive results from retail samples.

All products dated 8/4/2010 and beyond are not included in this recall.

Specialty-Farms, LLC is currently in the process of determining exactly where this potential LM contamination could be occurring in its facility and is immediately remedying the potential sources as they are identified. Specialty Farms, LLC hopes to return to full sprout production soon.

You are advised to share this information with food establishments that may have purchased product from these sources.

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