

Company Announcement

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Country Fresh Recalls Product Because Of Possible Health Risk

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Contact

Consumers

Country Fresh, Inc.
281-453-3305

Announcement

August 26, 2016. Country Fresh, LLC. of Conroe, Texas, is recalling 30,000 cases of various fresh-cut vegetable products (product descriptions attached), because they have the potential to be contaminated with *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. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The product in question was shipped to retailers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia under the Country Fresh and store brand labels described in the product listing.

The product bears "BEST IF USED BY" dates between August 7, 2016 (8/7/16) through August 19, 2016 (8/19/16). The product is in either a clear plastic container as labeled below or in Styrofoam trays overwrapped with clear plastic film as labeled below. No products except those on this list are subject to this recall.

To date, no illnesses have been confirmed by public health authorities.

"We are treating this incident very seriously because we want to ensure that our customers are provided with only the safest, most wholesome, and high-quality products available," said Max Payen, Country Fresh's Director of Food Safety. The potential for contamination was uncovered as the result of a single routine sample taken at a retail store by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, which revealed the finished product tested positive for the bacteria. The company has ceased distribution of the affected product as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Country Fresh continue their investigation as to what caused the problem. This recall is being undertaken with the knowledge of the FDA.

Consumers who have purchased any of these products are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 281-453-3305, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. CDT.

The list of products subject to this recall follows:

CFC Celery/Onion Dice 6oz	BI-LO	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, GA, AL
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CFC Creole Mix 6oz	BI-LO	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, GA, AL
CFC Fajita Mix 6oz	BI-LO	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, GA, AL
CFC Pico De Gallo 8oz	BI-LO	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, GA, AL
CFC Tri-Pepper Dice 6oz	BI-LO	Clamshell	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, GA, AL
CFC Yellow Onion Dice 6oz	BI-LO	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, GA, AL
CF Diced Onion 4/3lb	Fresh Point	Clamshell	8/11/2016	8/17/2016	FL
Farmers Market Diced Green Peppers 8oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Farmers Market Diced Tri-Pepper 6 oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Farmers Market Diced Yellow Onions 8oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, VA
Fajita Mix 10oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Fajita Mix 12oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Green Bean Sauté 10oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, VA

Farmers Market Mirepoix 12oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, VA
Grilling Vegetables 14oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Jal Ched Stuff Mushrooms 7oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, VA
Kabob Kit 23oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Stir Fry Vegetable 10oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/8/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
SW Stuff Mushrooms 7oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, VA
Tri-Color Peppers 12oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Veggie & Fruit Kabob Kit 23oz	Harris Teeter Supermarkets	Overwrap	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, VA
Kabob Sensations Veggie Kabob 23oz	Publix Supermarkets, Inc.	Overwrap	8/12/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, FL,GA, AL
Diced Yel Onion Condiment 8oz	QuikTrip	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, GA
Diced Yellow Onion 40oz	QuikTrip	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, GA

Green Pepper 40oz	QuikTrip	Clamshell	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, GA
Regular Pico Condiment 10oz	QuikTrip	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC, GA
Sliced Green Bell Pepper 4lb	QuikTrip	Clamshell	8/13/2016	8/19/2016	SC, NC, GA
Diced Onion 16oz	The Spinx Company	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC
Pico de Gallo 18oz	The Spinx Company	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/15/2016	SC, NC
Diced Yellow Onion 8oz	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/17/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD
Marketside Pico de Gallo 10oz	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/17/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD
Marketside Spicy Pico de Gallo 10	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/17/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD
Sliced Bell Peppers 7oz	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Clamshell	8/7/2016	8/19/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD
Marketside Fajita Mix 9.5oz	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Overwrap	8/8/2016	8/19/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD
Marketside Veggie Kabobs 23oz	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Overwrap	8/9/2016	8/19/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD
Portabella Griller	Wal-Mart Stores	Overwrap	8/7/2016	8/19/2016	MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, TN, KY, VA, WV, MD

12.5oz	Inc.				
Celery/Onion Dice 6oz	Winn Dixie	Clamshell	8/9/2016	8/17/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Creole Mix 6oz	Winn Dixie	Clamshell	8/9/2016	8/19/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Fajita Mix 6oz	Winn Dixie	Clamshell	8/9/2016	8/19/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Pico De Gallo 8oz	Winn Dixie	Clamshell	8/8/2016	8/17/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Tri-Pepper Dice 6oz	Winn Dixie	Clamshell	8/9/2016	8/19/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Yellow Onion Dice 6oz	Winn Dixie	Clamshell	8/9/2016	8/17/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Mush & Garlic Herb Steak 7.5oz	Winn Dixie	Overwrap	8/9/2016	8/17/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Stuffed Mushrooms 7oz	Winn Dixie	Overwrap	8/8/2016	8/17/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL
Tuscan Stuffed Mushrooms 8oz	Winn Dixie	Overwrap	8/8/2016	8/17/2016	LA, MS, AL, GA, FL

*** We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.

* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.

* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please

visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm518335.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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