

# Post Consumer Brands Voluntarily Recalls Limited Quantity of Great Grains Protein Blend – Honey, Oats & Seeds Cereal Due to Possible Listeria Contamination

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## Announcement

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Lakeville, MN – Post Consumer Brands is voluntarily recalling a limited quantity of its Great Grains Protein Blend – Honey, Oats & Seeds cereal because it contains sunflower seeds that have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The sunflower seeds were obtained from a supplier, SunOpta, which recalled its ingredient.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is 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.

No illnesses have been reported to date, but Post Consumer Brands is recalling the products out of an abundance of caution.

The recalled items were sold in packaging similar to the image below and can be identified by a “Best when used by” code printed on the top of the box. Only the following codes are affected by this recall:

• AUG1416	• NOV1016
• AUG1516	• NOV1116
• AUG1616	• NOV1216
• AUG1716	• FEB1817
• NOV0916	• FEB1917

Recalled products were distributed to customers throughout the United States and sold through retail stores nationwide. No other Post products are affected by this action. Consumers should not consume these products. Products may be returned to the point of purchase for a refund or discarded. Consumers seeking information can visit the website, [www.postconsumerbrands.com/greatgrains](http://www.postconsumerbrands.com/greatgrains) or contact the company at 1-800-431-7678 Monday through Friday, 9:00AM – 5:00 PM Eastern time.

“Our first and highest priority is the quality and wholesomeness of our products,” said Chris Neugent, Post Consumer Brands’ president and chief executive officer. “We will always act on the side of caution in such matters as we have in this instance.”

#### About Post Consumer Brands

Post Consumer Brands is a business unit of Post Holdings, Inc., formed from the combination of Post Foods and MOM Brands in May 2015. Headquartered in Lakeville, Minn., Post Consumer Brands today is the third-largest cereal company in the United States with a broad portfolio spanning all segments of the category — from iconic household name brands and value ready-to-eat cereals to natural/organic and hot cereal varieties. As a company committed to high standards of quality and to our values, we are driven by one idea: To make better happen every day. For more information about us, visit [www.postfoods.com](http://www.postfoods.com) and [www.mombrands.com](http://www.mombrands.com).

**\* 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/ucm506257.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm506257.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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