

February 2016 Surveillance Report

Raw (Unpasteurized) Milk

Raw milk can carry harmful germs that can make you very sick or kill you. If you're thinking about drinking raw milk because you believe it has health benefits, consider other options.

Developing a healthy lifestyle requires you to make many decisions. One step you might be thinking about is adding raw milk to your diet. Raw milk is milk that has not been pasteurized (heating to a specific temperature for a set amount of time to kill harmful germs). Germs include bacteria, viruses, and parasites.

Making milk safe

Milk and products made from milk need minimal processing, called pasteurization. When milk is pasteurized, disease-causing germs are killed. Harmful germs usually don't change the look, taste, or smell of milk, so you can only be confident that these germs are not present when milk has been pasteurized.

Risks of drinking raw milk

Raw milk can carry harmful bacteria and other germs that can make you very sick or even kill you. While it is possible to get foodborne illnesses from many different foods, raw milk is one of the riskiest of all. Getting sick from raw milk can mean many days of diarrhea, stomach cramping, and vomiting. Less commonly, it can mean kidney failure, paralysis, chronic disorders, and even death.

Many people who chose raw milk thinking they would improve their health instead found themselves (or their loved ones) sick in a hospital for several weeks fighting for their lives from infections caused by germs in raw milk. For example, a person can develop severe or even life-threatening diseases, such as Guillain-Barré syndrome, which can cause paralysis, and hemolytic uremic syndrome, which can result in kidney failure and stroke.

How does milk get contaminated?

Milk contamination may occur from:

- Cow feces coming into direct contact with the milk
- Infection of the cow's udder (mastitis)
- Cow diseases (e.g., bovine tuberculosis)
- Bacteria that live on the skin of cows
- Environment (e.g., feces, dirt, processing equipment)
- Insects, rodents, and other animal vectors
- Humans, for example, by cross-contamination from soiled clothing and boots

Source: [CDC](#)

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Staff Events/News

HIV Outreach staff participated in events at The Juvenile Detention Center, The Lighthouse Ministries, Wilson Academy, The Rope Center, and provided services to the County while on the Mobile Medical Unit.

Influenza Update

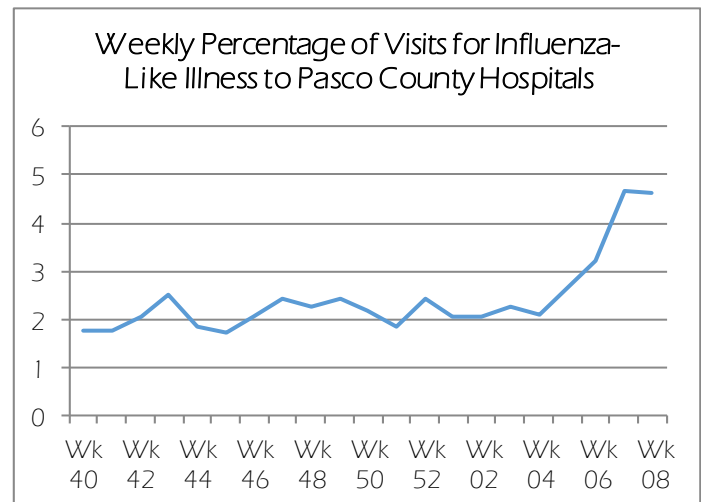
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State influenza and influenza-like illness (ILI) activity:

- For the past four weeks, Florida reported “regional” activity to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- The flu season is now underway. There continues to be an increase in reported outbreaks, and emergency department (ED) and urgent care center (UCC) visits for ILI remain above levels seen in previous seasons, most notably in children less than 18 years old and pregnant women.
- The preliminary estimated number of deaths due to pneumonia and influenza is similar to levels seen in previous seasons at this time.
- Forty-two counties reported “increasing” activity in week 8.
- In week 8, 14 counties reported “moderate” activity, 49 counties reported “mild” activity, and four counties reported no activity.
- No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported in week 8.
 - Four influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported so far this season. While rare, Florida receives reports of influenza-associated pediatric deaths each season. Annual vaccination remains the best way to protect children against the flu.
- In week 8, four outbreaks of influenza were reported in a Monroe County school, a Union County correctional facility, a Collier County office, and a Polk County school.
- In recent weeks, influenza A 2009 (H1N1) has been the most commonly identified influenza subtype by the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL).

National influenza activity:

- Influenza activity has increased nationally. Twenty-one states are reporting widespread activity, an increase from 12 states in the previous week.
- The CDC has received increased reports of hospitalizations and other severe outcomes from influenza infection. Individuals at high risk of complications from influenza infection with suspected influenza should be treated with antivirals as early as possible, even prior to laboratory confirmation.
- Influenza A 2009 (H1N1) is the predominately circulating strain.
- The CDC reported preliminary influenza vaccine effectiveness (VE) estimates for the 2015-16 seasonal flu vaccine. Overall estimates are 59% vaccine effectiveness.
 - This finding is comparable to estimates for previous seasons where the most commonly circulating influenza viruses are similar to those included in the seasonal vaccine.
- The vast majority of circulating flu viruses analyzed this season remain similar to the vaccine virus components for this season's flu vaccines. If you have not yet been vaccinated this season, get vaccinated now. It's not too late!
 - To learn more, please visit: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/.
- Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5 viruses have been identified in U.S. backyard and commercial flocks of birds during the spring and summer of 2015. (HPAI) H5 has not been identified in Florida birds, but identifications are anticipated. No human HPAI infections have been identified in Florida or the rest of the nation.
 - To learn more, please visit: www.floridahealth.gov/novelflu.



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance

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Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), and St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), as well as exotic viruses such as dengue virus (DENV), chikungunya virus (CHIKV) and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a non-viral mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of February 21-27, 2016 the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Manatee County. In 2016, positive samples from 18 sentinel chickens have been received from six counties.

SLEV activity: No human cases of SLEV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week. In 2016, there have been no positive samples reported.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection were reported this week. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Orange County. In 2016, positive samples from eight sentinel chickens have been received from three counties.

International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases: No cases of dengue fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2016, seven cases have been reported.

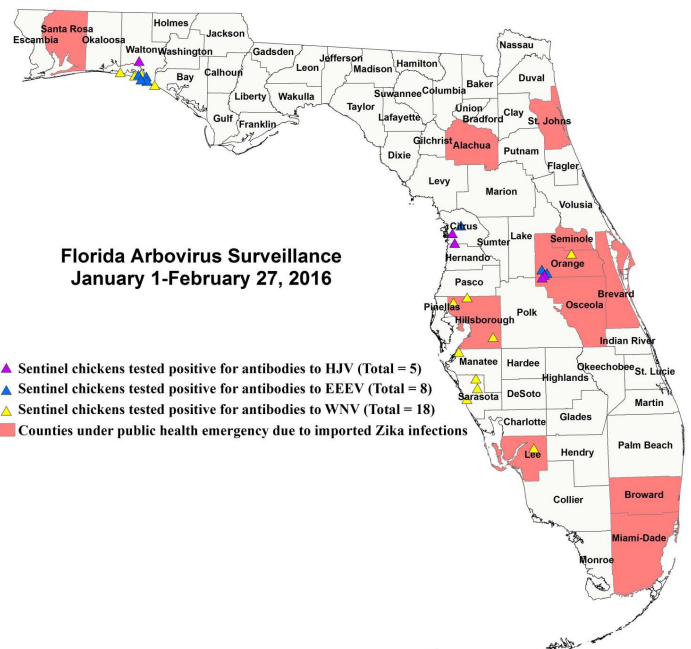
Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired dengue fever were reported this week. In 2016, no cases of locally acquired dengue fever have been reported.

International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Fever Cases: No cases of chikungunya fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2016, no travel-associated cases have been reported.

Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2016, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

International Travel-Associated Zika Fever Cases: Fourteen cases of Zika fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2016, 42 travel-associated cases have been reported. No cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: Eleven counties are currently under a declared public health emergency due to the identification of travel-associated Zika infections: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola, St. Johns, Santa Rosa, and Seminole Counties. There is a Level 2 (Alert) Travel Health Notice from the CDC for multiple countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Mexico, Cape Verde, and Pacific Islands related to Zika virus transmission and a possible association with poor pregnancy outcomes. Pregnant women should consider postponing travel to these areas. There is a Level 1 (Watch) Travel Health Notice from the CDC for multiple countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Mexico, related to the transmission of chikungunya virus. While a travel health notice has not been issued for the recent locally acquired dengue fever cases in Hawaii, visitors should continue to take appropriate mosquito bite precautions while traveling. Additional information on travel health notices can be found at the following link: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.



Epidemiology Disease Summary	February		YTD	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
CNS Diseases and Bacteremias				
Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD)	-	-	-	-
Haemophilus influenzae	-	-	-	-
Legionellosis	-	-	-	-
Listeriosis	-	1	-	1
Meningitis, Bacterial or Mycotic	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Disease	-	-	-	-
Strep pneumoniae Invasive Disease, Drug-Resistant	-	-	2	-
Strep pneumoniae Invasive Disease, Drug-Susceptible	-	1	2	3
Enteric Infections				
Campylobacteriosis	4	7	13	11
Cholera (Vibrio cholerae Type O1)	-	-	-	-
Cryptosporidiosis	-	-	-	2
Cyclosporiasis	-	-	-	-
Escherichia coli Shiga Toxin-Producing (STEC)	1	2	2	2
Giardiasis	1	1	3	1
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS)	-	1	-	1
Salmonellosis	6	5	13	13
Shigellosis	2	-	3	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-
Vibriosis	-	1	-	1
Vaccine Preventable Diseases				
Measles	-	-	-	-
Mumps	-	-	-	-
Pertussis	3	5	4	5
Varicella	1	2	2	3
Vector Borne, Zoonoses				
Chikungunya Fever	-	-	-	-
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis	-	1	-	1
Lyme Disease	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-
Rabies, Animal	-	-	-	1
Rabies, Possible Exposure	12	13	24	30
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Rickettsiosis	1	-	1	-
West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease	-	-	-	-
Zika Virus	-	-	-	-
Viral Hepatitis				
Hepatitis A	-	-	-	2
Hepatitis B, Acute	10	5	18	9
Hepatitis B, Chronic	5	8	16	18
Hepatitis B, Surface Antigen in Pregnant Women	-	1	1	1
Hepatitis C, Acute	1	-	6	-
Hepatitis C, Chronic	55	104	135	185
Other				
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	-	-	2	1
Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality	-	-	-	-
Lead Poisoning	4	1	7	1
Mercury Poisoning	1	-	1	-
Total	107	159	255	292

STD Monthly Morbidity Statistics

- Chlamydia = 62
- Gonorrhea = 13
- Syphilis = 6
- HIV = 3

If you are pregnant, you can give chlamydia to your baby during childbirth.

HIV Outreach Statistics

- 53 individuals were tested for HIV
- 13 individuals were tested for Syphilis
- 40 rapid Hepatitis test performed
- # individuals tested positive for HIV and # tested positive for AIDS



Current HIV Infection data by year of report reflects any case meeting the CDC definition of 'HIV infection' which includes all newly reported HIV cases and newly reported AIDS cases with no previous report of HIV in Florida. If a case is later identified as being previously diagnosed and reported from another state, the case will no longer be reflected as a Florida case and the data will be adjusted accordingly. Data from the most recent calendar year (2015) are considered provisional and therefore should not be used to confirm or rule out an increase in newly reported cases in Florida. The final year-end numbers are generated in July of the following year, after duplicate cases are removed from the dataset, as is customary of HIV surveillance in the US.

Jail Linkage Statistics

- 19 rapid HIV tests performed (0 – positive)
- 11 Hepatitis tests performed (1 – positive)
- 12 RPR tests performed (0 – positive)
- 2 Gonorrhea/Chlamydia tests performed (1 – positive)
- 19 individuals were HIV post-test counseled

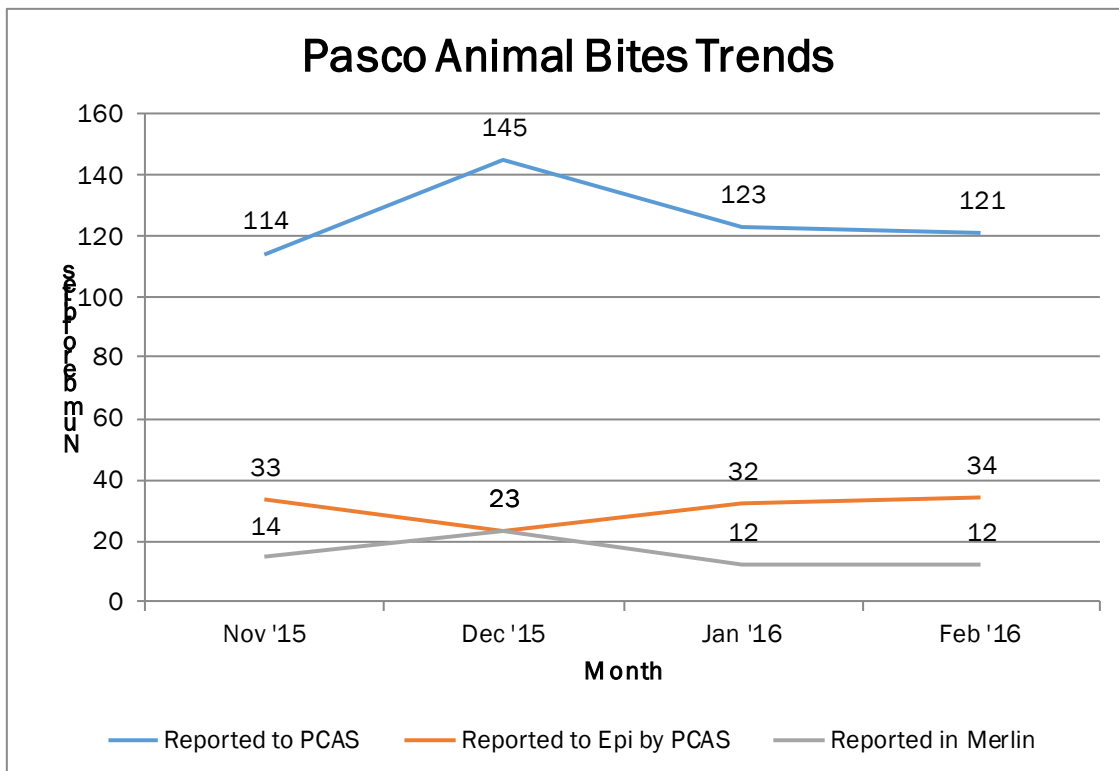
Tuberculosis/Refugee Statistics

- 6 TB cases
- 1 Suspect cases
- 14 LTBI clients
- 12 new (2 no shows) refugees
- 19 Follow up immunization visits



Animal Bites

- Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS) received 121 animal bites in February
- PCAS reported 34 of 121 (28%) cases to PCHD for follow-up
- 12 of 34 (35%) were reported in Merlin after meeting case definition
- DOH – Pasco sent 6 animal specimens for rabies testing (0 positive)



Reported to PCAS = Animal exposures reported to PCAS by community or Epi.

Reported to Epi by PCAS = Exposures that require Epi's attention due to the severity of bite, type of animal, inability to locate animal, victim and/or owner and need for rabies prophylaxis.

Reported in Merlin = Involves situations where the animal or person could not be located or exposure victim either accepts or declines rabies vaccinations.



Garden of Life, LLC Recalls Raw Meal Organic Shake & Meal Products Because of Possible Health Risk

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — January 29, 2016 — Garden of Life LLC is voluntarily withdrawing a limited quantity of its Raw Meal Organic Shake & Meal Chocolate, Original, Vanilla and Vanilla Chai because they have the potential to contain *Salmonella* Virchow. Even though Garden of Life routinely performs pathogen testing on every finished good lot to ensure safety and no product has ever tested positive for the presence of *Salmonella*, the company felt it was in the public's best interest to take this voluntary action. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. FDA is investigating illnesses.

Every lot tested negative for the presence of Salmonella prior to release to the market. Raw Meal products are distributed throughout the United States and sold at better health food stores and natural grocers.

Consumers who believe they may have a Raw Meal product affected by this recall, should look for the following lot codes prominently stamped on the underside of the plastic container. The following is the list of lots affected:

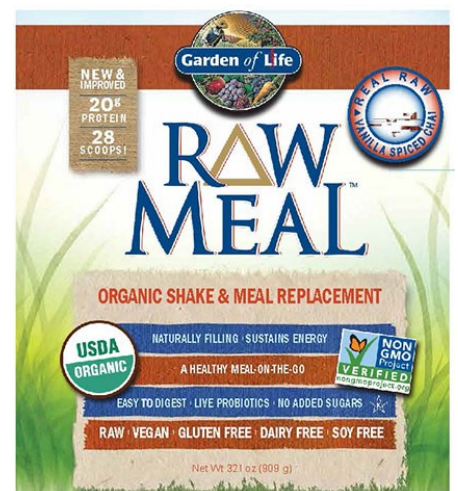
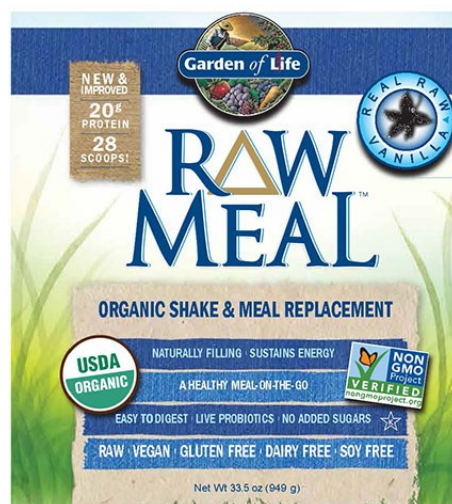
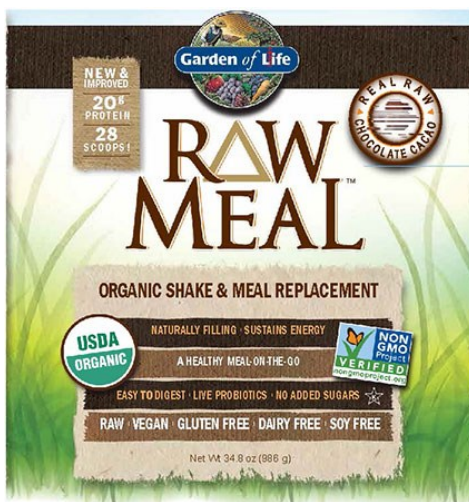
PRODUCT NAME	Lot Number	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal 10 CNT Tray	47214800	9/12017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47198800	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47214600	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47215500	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47215501	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47216100	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225500	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47225900	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47249200	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai 10 CNT Tray	47183201	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47198601	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Half Size	47206000	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225600	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Half Size	47225800	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47226200	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47226400	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47236000	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla 10 CNT Tray	47248000	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47248901	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47253900	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47257401	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47226000	10/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47216200	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225601	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47226100	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47226201	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47226300	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47246500	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47247600	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47247800	10/31/17

Garden of Life, LLC Recalls Raw Meal Organic Shake & Meal Products Because of Possible Health Risk (continued)

“In an overabundance of caution we are taking this extreme measure because we want to ensure that you never have to wonder about the purity of any Raw Meal product.” said Brian Ray, President of Garden of Life.

Any Raw Meal product from a lot code not listed above is entirely safe and not affected by this recall. All Garden of Life, LLC's products are manufactured in the United States at FDA and NSF audited facilities, in accordance with current Good Manufacturing Practices. No Garden of Life product has ever tested positive for *salmonella*.

If, however, a consumer has purchased a product from any of the lot codes listed above and wishes to return it, they should return the unused portion of the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Questions may be directed to the company at 1-866-465-0051, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST.



International Foodsource, Issues Voluntary Recall of Raw Pistachios Due to Possible *Salmonella* Risk

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — February 12, 2016 — International Foodsource, LLC Issues a Voluntary Recall of Various Raw Pistachios Products due to Possible *Salmonella* Risk. *Salmonella* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* can experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The products were distributed to food service and retail stores nationally.

The affected products can be identified by:

Product	IFS Lot Number	Weight	Best by Date	UPC
Bulk Raw Whole Pistachio 80% VP	76114 (Sam International Lot# 102914)	30 LBS Boxes	4/29/16	N/A
Valued Naturals Raw Pistachio Kernels	79249	5 oz Bags	08/10/16	790429241428
IFS Club Bag Pistachio Raw Shelled 80% Wholes	78634	3 LBS Bags	7/16/16	790429243026
IFS Web Bulk Pistachio - Shelled 80% Whole	78998	30 LBS Boxes	07/30/16	790429239630

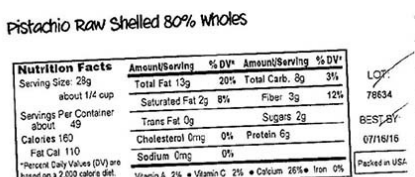
There are no reported illnesses in connection with this product.

This was brought to our attention by FDA after their contract testing laboratory analysis revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in one of the 19 retail 5oz bags of Valued Naturals Raw Pistachio Kernels, Lot 79249. As a precaution, additional products are being recalled as they may be contaminated since they were packed from the master lot that came to our facility. We are working closely with FDA to determine the cause of this situation.

Consumers who have purchased this recalled product should not consume it. They should return it to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call Customer Service at 973-361-7044, 8:15 am – 4:30 pm, EST, Monday through Friday.



SAM INTERNATIONAL
 RAW WHOLE PISTACHIO 80% VP
 LOT# 102914
 NET WT: 30 LBS.



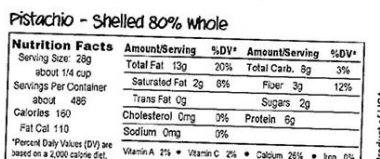
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ALLERGEN INFORMATION: CONTAINS PISTACHIO NUTS.

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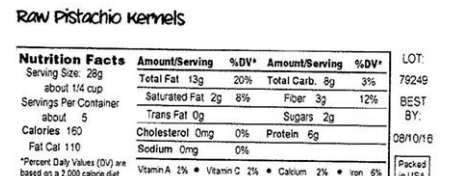
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Whole Foods Market Recalls Pecorino Aged Cheese in Walnut Leaves Due to Possible HealthRisk-Listeria

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 16, 2016 – Whole Foods Market of Austin, Texas is recalling Pecorino Aged Cheese in Walnut Leaves sold in one Florida and one New York, NY store, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

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 monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Consumers should seek immediate medical care if they develop these symptoms.

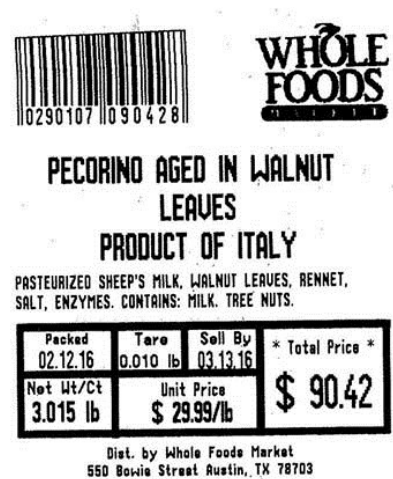
No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recalled cheese was cut and packaged in clear plastic wrap with scale labels beginning with PLU code 294239 and "sell by" dates of 3/3/16 through 3/8/16 in the Bowery, NYC store. In Coral Gables*, FL the recalled cheese was sold with scale labels beginning with PLU code 290107 and "sell by" dates of 2/29/16 through 3/8/16. The recalled cheese was pulled from store shelves and destroyed on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016.

A sampling of the products tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes* during a routine inspection conducted by the supplier.

Consumers who have purchased this product from Whole Foods Market should discard it and bring their receipt to the store for a full refund. Consumers with questions should contact their local store or call 512-477-5566 ext. 20060 between the hours of 9am and 5pm CST, Monday through Friday. For media inquiries, contact Liz.Burkhart@wholefoods.com

*Previously misreported as the West Palm Beach location.



Wild Blue Yonder Foods Issues Recall Chappaqua Crunch Granola with Blueberries Bananas (*Salmonella*)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — February 18, 2016 — WBY Foods of Marblehead, MA, is recalling its Chappaqua Crunch Simply Granola with Blueberries & Bananas, in 13 ounce packages, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled pouches of Chappaqua Crunch Simply Granola with Blueberries & Bananas were distributed in retail stores in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, No. Carolina, So. Carolina, Georgia and Florida in retail stores and through mail order.

The product comes in a 13 ounce clear plastic pouch and marked with best by dates on the back. The recall includes best by dates beginning with Feb. 5, 2016 and ending with May 31, 2016.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after our supplier informed us that the bananas in the granola may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. At that time, the recalled ingredient had been used in production.

Consumers who have purchased 13 ounce packages of Chappaqua Crunch Simply Granola with Blueberries & Bananas are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-488-4602, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM, EST.



Health Matters America Inc. Issues Nationwide Recall of Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powders (*Salmonella*)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — February 20, 2016 — Health Matters America of Cheektowaga, NY, is recalling specific lots of Organic traditions SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER and Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Organic traditions Sprouted Chia Seed Powder and Organic traditions Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powder were distributed nationwide in flexible plastic bags.

Here is a list of the recalled products and lots:

Organic traditions SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 8 oz./227g, UPC barcode 854260006261; Lots AHM626151103 Exp. 09/2017, AHM626151229 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag);

Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 8 oz./227g; UPC barcode 854260006216; Lots AHM621151217 Exp. 10/2017; AHM621151229 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag);

Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 16oz./454g bag, UPC barcode 854260005479; Lot AHM547151217 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag).

No illnesses have been reported to date.

Random samples taken by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) from retail stores in Canada tested positive for *Salmonella*. CFIA then notified the supplier. Health Matters America Inc. had received the affected lots. As soon as Health Matters America was made aware of this situation by their supplier, the company ceased packaging and distribution of the lots. The FDA, CFIA and Health Matters America continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who purchased the affected products/lots should return them to place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company by phone at 1(888) 343-3278, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, or by e-mail at: orders@healthmattersamerica.com.



Marathon Ventures, Inc. Announces Voluntary Recall of Raw Macadamia Nuts Due to Possible *Salmonella*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 23, 2016 – BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA - Marathon Ventures, Inc. announced today that it is voluntarily recalling various retail and bulk packages containing raw macadamia nuts as a precautionary measure because the product may be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (which may be bloody), and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled products were sold between July 2, 2015 and February 3, 2016, through grocery, foodservice, other retail outlets, and direct mail orders via company website nationwide. Affected products are packaged as follows:

UPC	BRAND	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT WT	CODE DATE / LOT NUMBER	LOT CODE LOCATION
0 15400 86635 4	Shurfine	Macadamia Diced Nuts	5oz / 142g	Best By: 2 SEP 2016	Front of bag - top right
0 15400 16635 5	Western Family	Macadamia Diced Nuts	5oz / 142g	Best By: 3 AUG 2016	Front of bag - top right
				Best By: 4 AUG 2016	Front of bag - top right
				Best By: 2 SEP 2016	Front of bag - top right
0 75450 13287 8	HyVee	Macadamia Nuts	2oz / 57g	Best By: 10 JUL 2016	Back of bag - mid right
0 85239 52108 3	Market Pantry	Chopped Macadamia Nuts	2.25oz / 64g	Best By: 13 AUG 2016	Back of bag - right side
				Best By: 11 SEP 2016	Back of bag - right side
0 75049 42186 4	Pear's Gourmet	Macadamia Nuts Raw	16oz / 454g	Best By: 11 SEP 2016	Front of bag - near top
				Best By: 25 SEP 2016	Front of bag - near top
06509	Cash-Wa Distributing	Macadamia Nuts Raw	5lbs / 2.27kg	15204	Bot right on case label
				15260	Bot right on case label
Bulk Case	Nutpro C.C.	Macadamia Nuts Style #5	25lbs	79818	Case label

The issue was brought to the Company's attention by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) following a *Salmonella* positive product found during routine product sampling.

There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to-date affiliated with these products. Anyone concerned about an injury/illness should contact a physician immediately. Marathon Ventures, Inc. has informed the FDA of its actions and is cooperating fully with the ongoing investigation.

Consumers who have purchased the items listed above should not consume this product and should return it to the store of purchase for a full refund or replacement.

Consumers may direct their questions regarding the recalled items to Marathon Ventures, Inc. at (402) 934-8223 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30PM Central Time or via e-mail at qa@marathonventuresinc.com



Maytag Dairy Farms Expands Voluntary Recall Of Blue Cheese Products Due To Possible Health Risk

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 26, 2016 – NEWTON, IOWA – Maytag Dairy Farms is expanding its voluntary recall of “Maytag Blue” blue cheese wedges, wheels and crumbles because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The organism 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 in connection with this issue.

This expanded recall is of 35 lots of 1, 4 and 8 oz. wedges and 2 and 4 lb. wheels; and 43 batches of 8 oz. crumbles and 5 lb. crumbles. This includes the 5 lots and 15 recalled batches which were announced February 19, 2016 and are noted in the tables below.

The recalled product was sold through distributors, wholesalers, retail stores, restaurants, and direct mail orders nationwide between November 24, 2015 and February 11, 2016. Affected products are packaged as follows:

Products	Lot #s
Wedges or wheels (all sizes)	150479, 150480, 150481, 150482, 150483, 150484, 150485, 150486, 150488, 150489, 150492, 150493, 150495, 150498, 150499, 150500, 150501, 150506, 150508, 150509, 150514, 150515, 150516, 150517, 150518, 150532, 150533, 150534, 150535, 150538, 150539, 150648, 150649, 150650, 150651

Product	Batch #s
Crumbles (both sizes)	950804, 960020, 950805, 960037, 950806, 960040, 950807, 960041, 950808, 960049, 950809, 960054, 950813, 960069, 950818, 960070, 950825, 960071, 960072, 950830, 960073, 950848, 950826, 950849, 960053, 950851, 960067, 950853, 960068, 950855, 950856, 950858, 950859, 960001, 960002, 960004, 960025, 960034, 960036, 960051, 960055, 960065, 960066

The lot number or batch number appears on the side or the bottom of the product.

The potential for contamination was discovered after testing by the State of Iowa revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in two lots of product. Maytag Dairy Farms has voluntarily suspended production and distribution while the company collaborates with the Food and Drug Administration and the State of Iowa to determine the cause of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to discard them immediately and not consume them. Customers can call Maytag Dairy Farms at 800-247-2458 or 641-791-2010 Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM CST to arrange for a refund and return of the product.

We apologize for any temporary inconvenience or concern that our voluntary recall is causing our customers and the families who have enjoyed our products for generations. To learn more and for updates, please visit www.maytagdairyfarms.com.



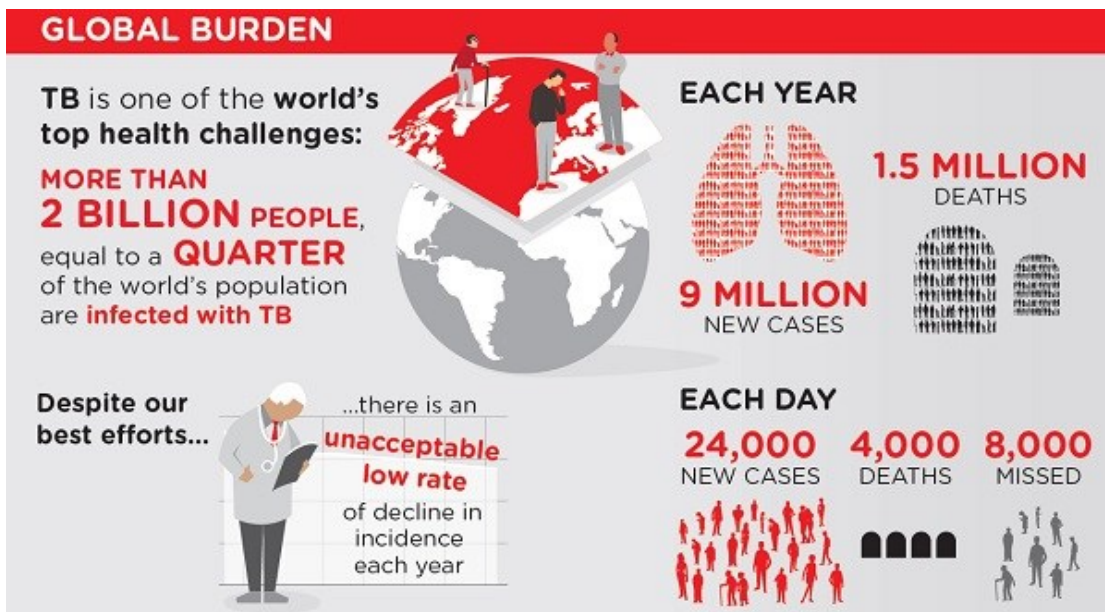
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**Be sure to look out
for our Quarterly
Epi Newsletter
that will be
published in May!**

World TB Day

World TB Day, falling on March 24th each year, is designed to build public awareness that tuberculosis today remains an epidemic in much of the world, causing the deaths of nearly one-and-a-half million people each year, mostly in developing countries. It commemorates the day in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch astounded the scientific community by announcing that he had discovered the cause of tuberculosis, the TB bacillus. At the time of Koch's announcement in Berlin, TB was raging through Europe and the Americas, causing the death of one out of every seven people. Koch's discovery opened the way towards diagnosing and curing TB.



Reportable Diseases/Conditions in Florida

Practitioner List (Laboratory Requirements Differ)

Effective June 4, 2014



Did you know that you are required* to report certain diseases to your local county health department?

- ! Report immediately 24/7 by phone upon initial suspicion or laboratory test order
- ☎ Report immediately 24/7 by phone
 - Report next business day
 - + Other reporting timeframe

- ! Outbreaks of any disease, any case, cluster of cases, or exposure to an infectious or non-infectious disease, condition, or agent found in the general community or any defined setting (e.g., hospital, school, other institution) not listed that is of urgent public health significance
- + Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)
- ☎ Amebic encephalitis
- ! Anthrax
 - Arsenic poisoning
 - Arboviral diseases not otherwise listed
- ! Botulism, foodborne, wound, and unspecified
 - Botulism, infant
- ! Brucellosis
 - California serogroup virus disease
 - Campylobacteriosis
- + Cancer, excluding non-melanoma skin cancer and including benign and borderline intracranial and CNS tumors
 - Carbon monoxide poisoning
 - Chancroid
 - Chikungunya fever
- ☎ Chikungunya fever, locally acquired
 - Chlamydia
- ! Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* type O1)
 - Ciguatera fish poisoning
- + Congenital anomalies
 - Conjunctivitis in neonates <14 days old
 - Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)
 - Cryptosporidiosis
 - Cyclosporiasis
 - Dengue fever
- ☎ Dengue fever, locally acquired
- ! Diphtheria
 - Eastern equine encephalitis
 - Ehrlichiosis/anaplasmosis
 - *Escherichia coli* infection, Shiga toxin-producing
 - Giardiasis, acute
- ! Glanders
 - Gonorrhea

- Granuloma inguinale
- ! *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease in children <5 years old
- Hansen's disease (leprosy)
- ☎ Hantavirus infection
- ☎ Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- ☎ Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B, C, D, E, and G
 - Hepatitis B surface antigen in pregnant women or children <2 years old
- ☎ Herpes B virus, possible exposure
 - Herpes simplex virus (HSV) in infants <60 days old with disseminated infection and liver involvement; encephalitis; and infections limited to skin, eyes, and mouth; anogenital HSV in children <12 years old
- + Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection
 - HIV, exposed infants <18 months old born to an HIV-infected woman
 - Human papillomavirus (HPV), associated laryngeal papillomas or recurrent respiratory papillomatosis in children <6 years old; anogenital papillomas in children <12 years old
- ! Influenza A, novel or pandemic strains
- ☎ Influenza-associated pediatric mortality in children <18 years old
 - Lead poisoning
 - Legionellosis
 - Leptospirosis
- ☎ Listeriosis
 - Lyme disease
 - Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)
 - Malaria
- ! Measles (rubeola)
- ! Melioidosis
 - Meningitis, bacterial or mycotic
- ! Meningococcal disease
 - Mercury poisoning
 - Mumps
- + Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)
- ☎ Neurotoxic shellfish poisoning
- ☎ Pertussis
 - Pesticide-related illness and injury, acute

- ! Plague
- ! Poliomyelitis
 - Psittacosis (ornithosis)
 - Q Fever
- ☎ Rabies, animal or human
 - ! Rabies, possible exposure
 - ! Ricin toxin poisoning
 - Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other spotted fever rickettsioses
- ! Rubella
 - St. Louis encephalitis
 - Salmonellosis
 - Saxitoxin poisoning (paralytic shellfish poisoning)
- ! Severe acute respiratory disease syndrome associated with coronavirus infection
 - Shigellosis
- ! Smallpox
- ☎ Staphylococcal enterotoxin B poisoning
- ☎ *Staphylococcus aureus* infection, intermediate or full resistance to vancomycin (VISA, VRSA)
 - *Streptococcus pneumoniae* invasive disease in children <6 years old
 - Syphilis
- ☎ Syphilis in pregnant women and neonates
 - Tetanus
 - Trichinellosis (trichinosis)
 - Tuberculosis (TB)
- ! Tularemia
- ☎ Typhoid fever (*Salmonella* serotype Typhi)
 - ! Typhus fever, epidemic
 - ! Vaccinia disease
 - Varicella (chickenpox)
 - ! Venezuelan equine encephalitis
 - Vibriosis (infections of *Vibrio* species and closely related organisms, excluding *Vibrio cholerae* type O1)
- ! Viral hemorrhagic fevers
 - West Nile virus disease
- ! Yellow fever

*Section 381.0031 (2), *Florida Statutes* (F.S.), provides that "Any practitioner licensed in this state to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathy, or veterinary medicine; any hospital licensed under part I of chapter 395; or any laboratory licensed under chapter 483 that diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of public health significance shall immediately report the fact to the Department of Health." Florida's county health departments serve as the Department's representative in this reporting requirement. Furthermore, Section 381.0031 (4), F.S. provides that "The department shall periodically issue a list of infectious or noninfectious diseases determined by it to be a threat to public health and therefore of significance to public health and shall furnish a copy of the list to the practitioners..."