

**ALFOODACT**

**or Food Advisory:**

**DSCP Vendor Recall 021-2003 Ground Beef Products and Pork Sausage**

**REGION:**

**ALL**

**UNIT:**

**ALL**

**Comments:**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Consider this message a "Heads Up" notice. If warranted, DSCP will initiate an ALFOODACT. FYI, I've pasted a copy of the DSCP Recall Notice below:

RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

**PRODUCTS RECALLED:** Ground Beef products and Pork Sausage

**PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:** Produced from April 1, 2003 to August 7, 2003. All packages bearing a date code of August 7, 2003, or earlier or no date code at all is subject to the recall. The establishment code "EST. 2063" appears inside the USDA mark of inspection on all packages.

The following products were distributed to grocery stores. **The products subject to recall are:**

- "PURE GROUND BEEF PATTIES, 80% LEAN, 12-4 OZ., NET WT. 3 LB"
- "PAPA'S, 20 Quarter Pound BEEF PATTIES, NET. WT. 5 LBS"
- "PAPA'S, 20 Quarter Pound PORK PATTIES, NET. WT. 5 LBS"
- "PAPA'S, 20 Quarter Pound PIZZA PATTIES, NET. WT. 5 LBS"
- "Chef's Preferred, 20 Quarter Pound, BEEF PATTIES, 100% PURE GROUND BEEF, NO FILLERS, NO PRESERVATIVES, NET WT. 80 OZ. (5 LBS.)"

The following products were distributed to restaurants and institutions. **These products subject to recall** are 60 lb. boxes, containing six 10-lb. chubs of:

- "X-LEAN, BEEF PATTY MIX, INGREDIENTS: BEEF, BEEF HEARTS, 101."
- "100% PURE BEEF BULK, 110."
- "X-LEAN, 100% PURE BEEF BULK, 120."
- "OUR VERY BEST, BEEF PATTY MIX, 130."

**Also subject to recall** are 30 lb. boxes, containing six 5 lb. chubs of:

- "107, 115, X-LEAN, 100% PURE BEEF PATTIES."

The final products subject to recall are 10 lb. boxes of:

- "OUR FINEST PORK SAUSAGE PATTIES."

**PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL:** The products may be contaminated with Escherichia coli O157:H7.

**HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED:** The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) reported positive results for Escherichia coli O157:H7 produced in their laboratory from a sample of ground beef collected by NDDH personnel in conjunction with an illness investigation. The epidemiological study and lab results suggest that the recalled product may be linked to the illness. The Food safety and Inspection Service, FSIS, is continuing its investigation.

**FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:** 02063 M  
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**CONSUMER CONTACT:** Skip Wetzstein, Vice President - Sales, 701-282-0202

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Skip Wetzstein, Vice President - Sales, 701-282-0202

**QUANTITY RECALLED:** Approximately 659,000 pounds

**DISTRIBUTION:** Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin

**RECALL CLASSIFICATION:** Class I

**RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL:** Consumer

**PRESS RELEASE:** Yes

**DIRECT NOTIFICATION MEANS:** The firm has notified its customers orally and in writing.

**FSIS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:** Effectiveness checks by the FSIS, Office of Field Operations (OFO).

**OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED:** North Dakota Department of Health

**RECALL CASE NUMBER:** 034-2003

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

(1) Segregate affected product, remove from shelves and place in "Medical Hold". Contact vendor for replacement.

(2) If the exact production codes do not appear on the package, they are not part of the recall.

(3) As a potential for adverse health consequences exists, activities known to have issued/sold the above items are authorized to notify their customers.

**The Point Of Contact** for this recall notice is Mr. Joseph Goldsmith, Consumer Safety Office, at DSCP-HS. VOICE, DSN: 444-7770, Commercial (215) 737-7770, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

*Very Respectfully,*  
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