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Maytag Dairy Farms expands recall of blue cheese products

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Maytag Dairy Farms of Newton, Iowa, 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*.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with this issue. The recalled product was sold through distributors, wholesalers, retail stores, restaurants, and direct mail orders nationwide between November 24, 2015 and February 11, 2016.

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. For a full list of the recalled products please see the company Web site by visiting www.maytagdairyfarms.com/asp/welcome.aspx.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that 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.

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.

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