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Ground beef products recalled due to possible E. Coli contamination

Cargill Meat Solutions, a Fort Morgan, Colo. establishment, is recalling approximately 132,606 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* O26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: (<u>Products List</u>) [<u>View Labels</u> (PDF only)]. The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 86R" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide. FSIS is concerned that some product may be frozen and in consumers' freezers. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

The Cargill Meat Solutions' ground beef products were identified following further investigation related to <u>Recall 072-2018</u>, conducted on Aug. 30, 2018, where ground beef products were recalled in connection with the E. coli O26 outbreak. FSIS' traceback information indicated that case-patients consumed ground beef products purchased at various retail stores that were supplied by Cargill Meat Solutions.

Most people infected with STEC O26 develop diarrhea (often bloody) and vomiting. Some illnesses last longer and can be more severe. Infection is usually diagnosed by testing of a stool sample. Vigorous rehydration and other supportive care is the usual treatment; antibiotic treatment is generally not recommended. Most people recover within a week, but rarely, some develop a more severe infection.

More information is available on the FSIS website at <u>www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls</u>. Media with questions regarding the recall can contact April Nelson with Cargill corporate affairs at (952) 742-9150 or at <u>april nelson@cargill.com</u>. Consumers with questions regarding the recall can call 1-844-419-1574.