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## Marathon Ventures recalls raw macadamia nuts

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Marathon Ventures, Inc., of Bellevue, Neb., is voluntarily recalling various retail and bulk packages containing raw macadamia nuts as a precautionary measure because the product may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to date affiliated with these products. 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 Web site nationwide. 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 sampling. More information about the recall can be found on the FDA's Web site by clicking here.

Salmonella is 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.

Anyone concerned about an injury/illness should contact a physician immediately. 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.