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Parkers Farm products voluntary recalled due to *Listeria* contamination

The Kane County Health Department is alerting consumers to avoid eating certain peanut butter, cheese, salsa, and spreads produced by Parkers Farm Acquisition, LLC of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, after the Minnesota Department of Agriculture product sampling determined some of the finished products to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria.

There have been no reports of illness associated with consumption of the products. Parkers Farm Acquisition, LLC is cooperating with the MDA investigation and has issued the voluntary recall. A full list of recalled products is available on the FDA's website. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return them to the place of purchase or discard them.

The products were distributed nationwide, including Illinois, under the Parkers Farm, Parkers, Happy Farms, Central Markets, Hy-Top, Amish Classic, Say Cheez, Win Schuler, and Bucky Badger labels. These products were sold at several retail stores including but not limited to Hy-Vee, Cub, Rainbow, Byerly's, Lunds, Target, Whole Foods, Price Chopper, Nash Finch, Costco, ALDI, Wal-Mart, and Brookshire stores. Consumers with questions can contact the company at (800) 869-6685 or the website: www.parkersfarm.com.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially serious disease marked by fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, and nausea. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis, but it can sometimes cause fatal infections in infants, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis can also lead to miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women. Any consumers who believe they may have become ill after eating the products should contact their health care provider.