

Kane County Health Department

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Organic black peppercorn products recalled due to possible contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Frontier Natural Products Co-op is voluntarily recalling several of its products manufactured with organic black peppercorns that were sold under its Frontier and Simply Organic brands, Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value, and others due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. To date, no illnesses have been associated with these products.

While the product in question was steam pasteurized at the source and tested negative for *Salmonella* by Frontier Natural Products Co-op, there is a small risk that *Salmonella* may still be present based on a positive, random test that was recently conducted. Frontier Natural Products Co-op is immediately initiating added precautions to the safety of the supply chain to mitigate any future occurrence.

Consumption of products containing *Salmonella* 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, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting 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) endocarditic and arthritis.

Recalled products were sold in all 50 states and in some parts of Canada to distributors, retailers and consumers. The list of products containing the organic black peppercorn is available by clicking Here

Consumers should not consume these products. Please contact Frontier with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800-669-3275 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time. Images of the products above can be seen by going to the following link: http://www.frontiercoop.com/recall.