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Aurora Packing Company recalls beef products due to possible contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Aurora Packing Company, Inc., a North Aurora, Ill. establishment, is recalling approximately 4,838 pounds of beef heel and chuck tender products that may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the bulk beef products were produced and packed on Feb. 27, 2019. The following products are subject to recall: [\[View Labels](#) (PDF only)]

- Varying catch weight cardboard box case packages containing bulk pieces of "AURORA ANGUS BEEF BONELESS BEEF – CHUCK TENDER" and case code 61150 represented on the label.
- Varying catch weight cardboard box case packages containing bulk pieces of "BONELESS BEEF – HEEL MEAT" and case code 29970 represented on the label.
- Varying catch weight cardboard box case packages containing bulk pieces of "BONELESS BEEF – HEEL MEAT" and case code 49970 represented on the label.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. These items were shipped for institutional use in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 788" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider. *E. coli* O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause dehydration, bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps 2–8 days (3–4 days, on average) after exposure to the organism. While most people recover within a week, some develop a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). This condition can occur among persons of any age but is most common in children under 5-years old and older adults. It is marked by easy bruising, pallor and decreased urine output. Persons who experience these symptoms should seek emergency medical care immediately.

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FSIS is concerned that some product may be in institutional facility freezers. Institutions who have purchased these products are urged not to use them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

Consumers and members of the media with questions about the recall can contact David Stewart, Director of Sales and Marketing for Aurora Packing Company, Inc., at (630) 897-0551.

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