



Country Fresh Voluntary Product Recall

October 3, 2020 - The Kane County Health Department is advising that Country Fresh is notifying the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of a voluntary recall of a limited quantity of watermelon chunks from select stores as a precautionary measure due to a possible health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes* detected on equipment used in packing this product. FDA made these findings during a recent inspection.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recall affects product codes of watermelon items shipped directly to Walmart and RaceTrac's retail distribution centers stores in select stores located in Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Texas. The product was packaged in a variety of clam shell containers (see photos). The best-if-used by dates of October 2, 3, and 4, 2020 and the SKUs are as follows:

Walmart – Freshness Guaranteed

Watermelon 4 x 10 oz – UPC Code: 681131180672

Watermelon 2 x 32 oz – UPC Code: 681131180672 Watermelon Chunks 2 x 42 oz –

UPC Code: 681131180658 Watermelon Spears 4 x 16 oz – UPC Code: 681131180665

Summer Blend FTC 4 x 5 oz – UPC Code: 681131355094

RaceTrac

Watermelon 5.5oz – UPC Code: 74641000644 Melon Trio 5.5oz – UPC Code:

74641031945

Country Fresh has not received any reports of illnesses to date associated with these recalled items. The recalled products were distributed from 9/23/2020 – 9/25/2020. RaceTrac and Walmart retail stores are removing the recalled product from store shelves and inventories immediately. Customers with recalled watermelon should discard it immediately and not consume it.

For more information, consult the posting at: https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/country-fresh-voluntary-product-recall?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

The Kane County Health Department has an abundance of information about food safety online at KaneHealth.com/Pages/Food-Safety.aspx.

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