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## Silver Springs Farms, Inc. - *E. coli* O157:H7 - Class 1 Recall

**At a Glance:** Silver Springs Farms, Inc., a Harleysville, Pa. establishment, is issuing a class 1 recall on various beef products. The ground beef items were produced on August 19 and 20, 2016. The exact production dates for the various sandwich steak products are unknown at this time, but are believed to have been produced between August 19 and September 19, 2016. The problem was discovered during a routine verification sampling performed by Silver Springs Farms, Inc. There have been no confirmed reports of illness or adverse reactions due to consumption of these products per the supplier. <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-091-2016-release-exp>

**The Issue:** *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.

**Am I Impacted?** US Foods' number one priority is to notify any customer impacted by a recall. Our ten (10) distribution centers affected by this recall have already begun to contact affected customers. If you purchased a recalled product from us, you will be contacted shortly, or have already been contacted. If you purchased products elsewhere, use the information above to check with your supplier.

**Why Do Recalls Expand?** Manufacturers expand recalls as they verify their own supply chains. In addition, federal and local governments often do additional product testing that leads to an expansion. US Foods will provide updated Fast Facts as new information becomes available. US Foods will only contact customers IF they purchased recalled products from us.

### **What You Can Do:**

- Avoid eating or serving any recalled products
- Do not use any of these products as ingredients in recipes, even if cooked
- Follow instructions to discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them.
- Wash and sanitize display cases and refrigerators where potentially contaminated products were stored
- Operators who have processed any potentially contaminated products need to be concerned about cross-contamination
- Wash and sanitize cutting boards, surfaces, and utensils used to prepare, serve, or store potentially contaminated products
- Wash hands with warm water and soap following the cleaning and sanitation process
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food-borne illness should consult their health care providers
- For food safety questions call FDA at 1-888-SAFEFOOD (Mon-Fri from 10- 4 PM EST) or go to <http://www.fda.gov/default.htm>

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