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## Tomatoes – Class I – Possible Ecoli

**At a Glance:** Combs Produce of Dallas Texas has issued a CLASS 1 recall on Cross Valley Farms and Packer Label whole tomatoes. The product was distributed to 2 of our distribution centers in Texas between June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The recalled product may be identified by lot codes 53886701 & 53892701. The product is being recalled because the equipment (not the tomatoes) has tested positive for the presence of E coli.

**The Issue:** *E. coli* O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea, dehydration, and in the most severe cases, kidney failure. The very young, seniors and persons with weak immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness.

**Am I Impacted?** US Foods' number one priority is to notify any customer impacted by a recall. Our 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.

### **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 or return recalled product
- Discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food-borne illness should consult their health care providers
- Review your own internal recall procedures- does your staff know what to do if they receive notice that a product is being recalled? Typically only specific lot codes are affected.
- Purchase all of your supplies from a company with a robust recall program that can keep you aware of recall and food safety issues
- Help us serve you better. Provide your distribution center with a valid email address so we may provide you with recall information faster.

### **US Foods Policy:**

This *Fast Facts* is based on the best available information when written. Recalls can be expanded or impact additional product as additional suppliers verify their own supply chains. An updated Fast Facts will be provided as new information becomes available. US Foods will only contact customers IF they purchased recalled products from us.

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