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San Bernardino County Health Officer Warns Residents Not to Eat Eggs that are Part of the National Recall

San Bernardino. Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare, Health Officer of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, advised County residents to check if the eggs they have at home are part of the national egg recall.

A portion of eggs produced from May 16 to August 17 by Wright County Egg in Iowa have been recalled because they may be contaminated with Salmonella, a dangerous bacterium that may cause serious health problems. The eggs were in stores within a few days of production and have been distributed in 16 states including California.

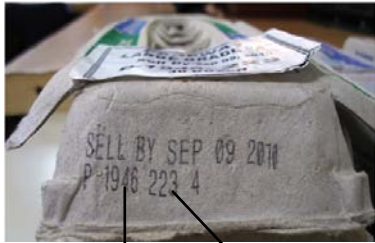
Dr. Ohikhuare emphasized that “if you have eggs that have been recalled, do not eat them. Return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund.” At this time, no one in San Bernardino County has been reported ill from Salmonella, as a result of eating recalled eggs.

Two recalls have been issued. The new recall covers eggs packaged under the brand names of Albertsons, Farm Fresh, James Farms, Glenview, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma, Lund, Kemps, Pacific Coast and Country Eggs are marked with plant numbers P-1720, P-1942, P-1946 and P-1026 and a three-digit code ranging from 136 to 229.

The earlier recall covered the Lucerne, Albertson, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma, Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms and Kemps brands that were marked with plant numbers P-1026, P-1413 and P-1946, and a three-digit code ranging from 136 to 225.

Printed on the outside of the egg cartons, the plant number begins with "P" and is followed by the three-digit code.

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Plant number
Three-digit code

Symptoms of Salmonella infection include fever, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea which may be bloody. Most infected people recover within a week; however, some may develop complications that require hospitalization. Infants, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for more severe illness.

Since May of this year there has been a nationwide increase in the number of infections due to a strain of Salmonella Enteritidis. Outbreak investigations in several states, including California, have found that some of these illnesses were likely related to eating eggs or foods containing eggs prepared by restaurants or caterers who obtained shell eggs from Wright County Egg.

To prevent illness, consumers are advised not to eat recalled eggs. Generally, whenever making eggs, it is best to cook them thoroughly before eating to destroy any Salmonella or other bacteria that may exist. People who develop symptoms of Salmonella infection after consuming Wright County Eggs should consult their health care provider.

Wright County Egg has initiated a voluntary expanded recall. Consumers who believe they may have purchased these eggs should return them to the store where they were purchased for a refund. This recall is of shell eggs only. Other egg products produced by Wright County Eggs are not affected.

Brand	August 13, 2010		August 18, 2010 Expanded Recall	
	Three-digit code	Plant Numbers	Three-digit code	Plant Numbers
Albertsons	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Country Eggs			216-221	P-1946 P-1026
Farm Fresh	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
James Farms			136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Glenview			136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Mountain Dairy	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Ralphs	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942

		P-1946		
Boomsma	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Lund	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Kemps	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946	136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942
Lucerne	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946		
Sunshine	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946		
Hillandale	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946		
Trafficanda	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946		
Dutch Farms	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946		
Shoreland	136 to 225	P-1026, P-1413 P-1946		
Pacific Coast			136 to 229	P-1720, P-1942

Updates about this recall will be available on the California Department of Public Health website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/Pages/fdbFr.aspx> , and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website at <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm>.

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