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UPDATED INFORMATION

TO: LOUISIANA WIC VENDORS

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RE: **URGENT Nationwide Egg Recall**
Eggs in Their Shell May Put Consumers at Risk of Salmonella

Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa is conducting a nationwide voluntary recall of shell eggs because of possible health risk.

Fast Facts: The current recall is for eggs in their shell or "shell eggs" that have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella produced by Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa and are packaged under different brand names. Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weak immune systems.

What are the Symptoms of Illness? Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (maybe bloody), nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and in rare circumstances severe illness such as arterial infections, endocarditis, or arthritis.

What Does the Recall Product Look Like? Eggs affected by this recall were distributed to food wholesalers, distribution centers and foodservice companies in California, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota Wisconsin and Iowa. These companies distribute nationwide.

The eggs are packaged under the following brand names: Lucerne, Albertson, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms and Kemps. Eggs are packed in various sizes of cartons (6-egg cartons, dozen egg cartons, 18-egg cartons) with Julian dates ranging from 136 to 225 and plant numbers 1026, 1413, and 1946. Dates and codes can be found stamped on the end of the egg carton. The plant number begins with the letter "P" and then the number.

What Do WIC Participants and Consumers Need to Do? Consumers who believe they may have purchased these shell eggs should discard them or return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. **WIC participants are asked to return to the WIC Vendor where the eggs were purchased. WIC Vendors are directed to make a good faith effort to provide an exchange rather than a cash refund if the eggs were purchased with a WIC food instrument.** This recall is for shell eggs only. Other egg products produced by Wright County Egg are not affected. *Don't eat* recalled eggs or products containing recalled eggs. **For more information call Wright County's toll free number, 866-272-5582 or visit www.eggsafety.org.**