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DATE:

February 25, 2011

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Petit Jean Farm Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Class I Recall; various meat and poultry products that were produced without the benefit of federal inspection; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax

or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. These products were sold through the Internet, as well as distributed to local markets and restaurants in Arkansas. The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 10650" inside the USDA mark of inspection, which does not belong to the recalling firm. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Arkansas Firm Recalls Various Meat and Poultry Products Produced Without Inspection

Recall Release FSIS-RC-012-2011 CLASS I RECALL HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 2011 - Petit Jean Farm, a Morrilton, Ark., firm, is recalling an undetermined amount of various meat and poultry products that were produced without the benefit of federal inspection, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: [View Representative Labels (PDF Only; 3.2mb)]

"MEADOW LAMB" brand name (assorted weight packages) products:

- "LAMB CHOPS (ARM, RIB, AND LOIN)"
- "LAMB STEAKS (LEG AND SIRLOIN)"
- "LAMB ROASTS (LEG, WHOLE LOIN, AND RACKS)"
- "LAMB TIPS"
- "LAMB SHANKS"
- "GROUND LAMB"

"MEADOW BEEF" brand name (assorted weight packages) products:

- "BEEF STEAKS (PRIME RIB, SIRLOIN, T-BONE, and OTHER TYPES OF CUTS)"
- "BEEF ROASTS (ARM, CHUCK, RUMP, AND PIKE'S PEAK)"
- "BEEF TENDERLOIN FILLETS"
- "BEEF TIPS"
- "GROUND BEEF"

"PETIT JEAN FARM" brand name (assorted weight packages) products:

- "PORK CHOPS (BONELESS AND BONE-IN)"
- "STEAKS (HAM AND PORK)"
- "PORK ROASTS"
- "PORK RIBS"
- "FRESHSIDE BACON"
- "SMOKED BACON"
- "GROUND PORK"
- "PORK SAUSAGE (MILD AND HOT)"
- "WHOLE CHICKENS"

The firm is recalling all the products listed above which are currently in commerce. These products were sold through the Internet, as well as distributed to local markets and restaurants in Arkansas. The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 10650" inside the USDA mark of inspection, which does not belong to the recalling firm.

It should be noted that this recall does not impact products produced at Garner Abattoir & Meat Processing (Est. 10650) or Morrilton Packing Co. which does business as Petit Jean Meats (Est. 10646). FSIS encourages consumers to review the labels on the products subject to recall very carefully. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will

be posted on FSIS' website at www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/ Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp.

FSIS and the firm are concerned that some product may still be frozen and in consumers' freezers. FSIS strongly encourages consumers to check their freezers and immediately discard any product that is the subject of this recall. The problem was discovered through a consumer complaint regarding a product purchased at a local market. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers (including restaurants) of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumer and media questions regarding the recall should be directed to the company owner, Edward Martsolf at (501) 208-2592.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from I0 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.