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DATE:

January 3, 2011

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Pilgrim's Pride Recall

## SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Class I Recall; Breaded chicken wing products because they contain an undeclared allergen, egg; 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. The products subject to recall were distributed to food service distribution centers nationwide for further distribution to restaurants. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is

found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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## Alabama Firm Recalls Breaded Chicken Wing Products Due to Mislabeling and Undeclared Allergen

Recall Release FSIS-RC-069-2010

CLASS I RECALL HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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**WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 2010 -** Pilgrim's Pride, a Boaz, Ala., establishment, is recalling approximately 180,000 pounds of breaded chicken wing products because they contain an undeclared allergen, egg, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. Egg is a known allergen, which is not declared on the label.

The products subject to recall include: [View Labels (PDF Only)]

 20 lb. boxes of "PIERCE CHICKEN UNCOOKED HOT & SPICY BREADED CHICKEN WINGS DRUMMETTES AND WING PORTIONS" with the USDA mark of inspection, each box containing four (4) – five lb. bags. • 10 lb. boxes of "SWEET GEORGIA BRAND UNCOOKED HOT & SPICY BREADED CHICKEN WINGS 1st AND 2nd SECTIONS" with the USDA mark of inspection, each box containing two (2) – five lb. bags.

Each product bears the establishment number "P-413" ink-jetted adjacent to the Julian Code date, as well as Julian Code dates of "0001," "0007," "0029," "0044," "0056," "0058," "0063," "0075," "0098," "0109," "0119," "0135," "0188," "0215," "0230," "0244," or "0279." The products subject to recall were produced on various dates between January 1, 2010, and October 6, 2010, and were distributed to food service distribution centers nationwide for further distribution to restaurants.

The problem was discovered by the company through a labeling review as part of its quality assurance program. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an allergic reaction 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.

Media with questions about the recall should contact company Vice President, Corporate Communications Gary Rhodes at (903) 434-1495. Consumers and distributors with questions about the recall should contact company, Consumer Relations Supervisor Cheri Schneider at (800) 321-1470.

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 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.