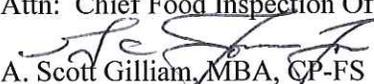




Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor

Gregory N. Larkin, M.D., F.A.A.F.P.  
State Health Commissioner

**DATE:** March 30, 2012  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:**   
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Castellini Company LLC Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Certain jalapeno peppers distributed from its Wilder, Kentucky facility because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The product was sold in full case, 1/2 case, 20lb, 10lb, 5lb, 2lb, and 1lb package sizes and distributed during the period March 8, 2012 through March 20, 2012 to military commissaries, retailers and foodservice distributors within ten states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Attached is the list of lot numbers associated with this recall. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

**Castellini Company LLC Recalls Jalapeno Peppers Because Of Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**

Consumer/Media

859-442-4600 (Phone)

859-442-4666 (Fax)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - March 29, 2012 - Castellini Company LLC is recalling certain jalapeno peppers distributed from its Wilder, Kentucky facility because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

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While there have been no illnesses reported to date in connection with this problem, Castellini Company is collaborating closely with the FDA and adhering to all safety regulations and standards.

The potential for contamination was noted after a random test by the Ohio Department of Agriculture in a store in Ohio which revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in a case of Jalapeno peppers.

Consumers who may have purchased these jalapeno peppers are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-859-442-4600; M-F 8:00a.m.- 5:00p.m. EST.

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[Link to List of Product Lots Recalled<sup>1</sup>](#)