



**Indiana State  
Department of Health**  
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State Health Commissioner

**DATE:** April 30, 2015

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** *Laurie Kidwell*  
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Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** Hy-Vee, Inc. - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED  
PRODUCT:** Hy-Vee Summer Fresh Pasta Salad

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; This recall has been initiated because Hy-Vee was notified that the frozen vegetables used to make the ready-to-eat pasta were potentially contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The Summer Fresh Pasta Salad is packaged upon customer request from the kitchen cold case and would have been packaged in 16oz. (1 lb.) or 32oz. (2 lb.) clear plastic containers. A light tan scale-produced label with the product name, weight and price would have been affixed to the container.

The recalled product would have been available in a limited number of stores between April 9, 2015 and April 27, 2015.

Hy-Vee has since pulled the ready-to-eat Summer Fresh Pasta Salad from its distribution channels and the stores in Illinois to which it was distributed. All stores that received the product have been instructed to dispose of the product.

**SUGGESTED  
ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Customers who purchased Summer Fresh Pasta Salad from the Hy-Vee kitchen department cold case or salad bar between April 9, 2015 and April 27, 2015, should dispose of the product or return it to the store for a refund. For questions, please call Hy-Vee Customer Care at 1-800-772-4098. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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***Hy-Vee pulls pasta salad from stores due to potential threat of *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria contamination***

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
1-800-772-4098

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – April 28, 2015 – West Des Moines, Iowa – On April 27, 2015, Hy-Vee, Inc. issued a recall for Hy-Vee Summer Fresh Pasta Salad that is sold in its stores' kitchen department cold cases and salad bars. The pasta was recalled after Hy-Vee was notified the frozen vegetables used to make the ready-to-eat pasta were potentially contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The frozen vegetables were produced by Inventure Foods, Jefferson, Georgia.

*Listeria monocytogenes* can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

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Hy-Vee has since pulled the ready-to-eat Summer Fresh Pasta Salad from its distribution channels and the stores in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota to which it was distributed. All stores that received the product have been instructed to dispose of the product.

To date, Hy-Vee has not received any complaints associated with the Summer Fresh Pasta Salad.

Customers who purchased Summer Fresh Pasta Salad from the Hy-Vee kitchen department cold case or salad bar between April 9, 2015 and April 27, 2015, should dispose of the product or return it to the store for a refund.

For questions, please call Hy-Vee Customer Care at 1-800-772-4098.

**Hy-Vee, Inc.** is an employee-owned corporation operating more than 235 retail stores across eight Midwestern states with sales of \$8.7 billion annually. Hy-Vee ranks among the top 25 supermarket chains and the top 50 private companies in the United States. Supermarket News, the authoritative voice of the food industry, has honored the company with a Whole Health Enterprise Award for its leadership in providing services and programs that promote a healthy lifestyle. For more information, visit [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com).

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