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State Health Commissioner

DATE: March 1, 2016  
TO: All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
FROM: Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor  
Food Protection Program  
SUBJECT: Maytag Dairy Farms - RECALL [Food]

\*\*\*EXPANDED\*\*\*

AFFECTED PRODUCT: "Maytag Blue" blue cheese wedges, wheels and crumbles

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

This expanded recall is of 35 lots of 1, 4 and 8 oz. wedges and 2 and 4 lb. wheels; and 43 batches of 8 oz. crumbles and 5 lb. crumbles. This includes the 5 lots and 15 recalled batches which were announced February 19, 2016 and are noted in the tables below.

Products	Lot #s
Wedges or wheels (all sizes)	150479, 150480, 150481, 150482, 150483, 150484, 150485, 150486, 150488, 150489, 150492, 150493, 150495, 150498, 150499, 150500, 150501, 150506, 150508, 150509, 150514, 150515, 150516, 150517, 150518, 150532, 150533, 150534, 150535, 150538, 150539, 150648, 150649, 150650, 150651
Product	Batch #s
Crumbles (both sizes)	950804, 960020, 950805, 960037, 950806, 960040, 950807, 960041, 950808, 960049, 950809, 960054, 950813, 960069, 950818, 960070, 950825, 960071, 960072, 950830, 960073, 950848, 950826, 950849, 960053, 950851, 960067, 950853, 960068, 950855, 950856, 950858, 950859, 960001, 960002, 960004, 960025, 960034, 960036, 960051, 960055, 960065, 960066

The lot number or batch number appears on the side or the bottom of the product.

The recalled product was sold through distributors, wholesalers, retail stores, restaurants, and direct mail orders nationwide between November 24, 2015 and February 11, 2016.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Customers can call Maytag Dairy Farms at 800-247-2458 or 641-791-2010 Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM CST to arrange for a refund and return of the product. 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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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.

*Maytag Dairy Farms Expands Voluntary Recall Of Blue Cheese Products Due To Possible Health Risk*

For Immediate Release

February 26, 2016

Contact

## Consumers

Maytag Dairy Farms  
800-247-2458  
641-791-2010 Monday – Friday

## Media

Ross Parman  
202-494-8195  
Announcement  
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NEWTON, IOWA – Maytag Dairy Farms is expanding its voluntary recall of “Maytag Blue” blue cheese wedges, wheels and crumbles because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The organism 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.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with this issue.

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The potential for contamination was discovered after testing by the State of Iowa revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in two lots of product. Maytag Dairy Farms has voluntarily suspended production and distribution while the company collaborates with the Food and Drug Administration and the State of Iowa to determine the cause of the problem.

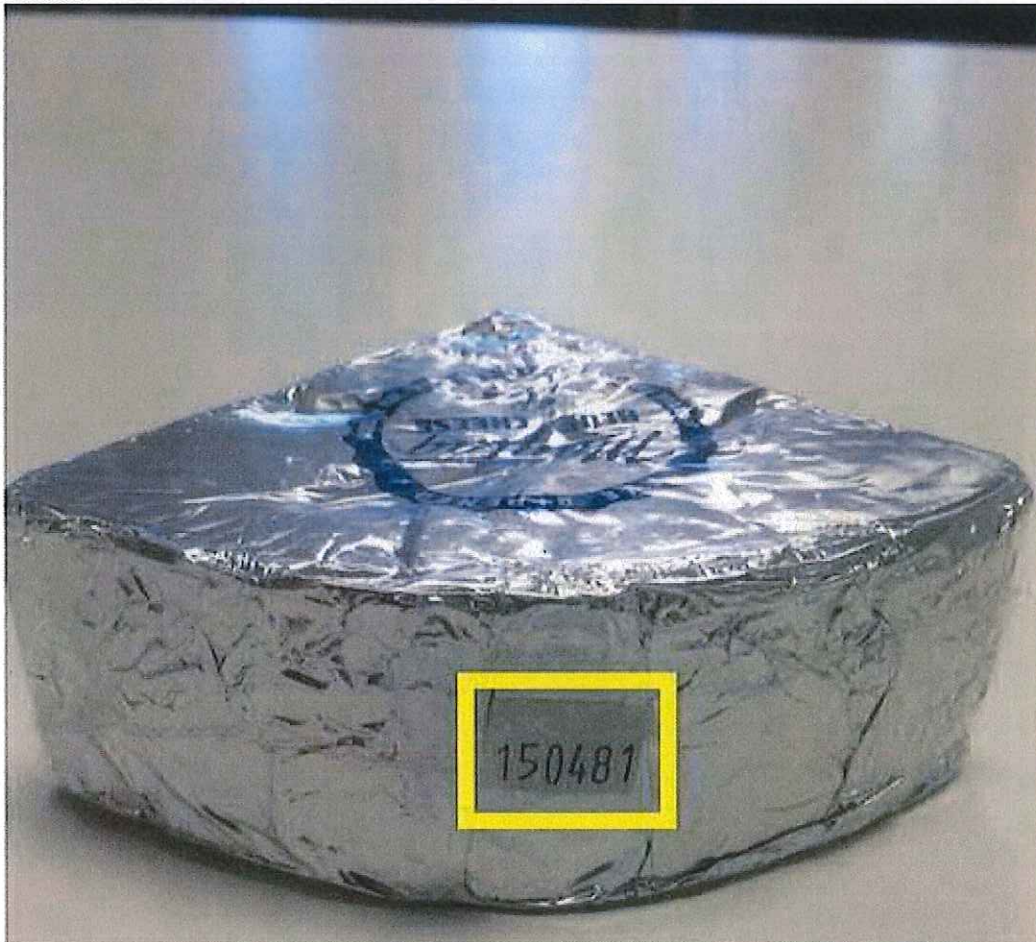
Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to discard them immediately and not consume them. Customers can call Maytag Dairy Farms at 800-247-2458 or 641-791-2010 Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM CST to arrange for a refund and return of the product.

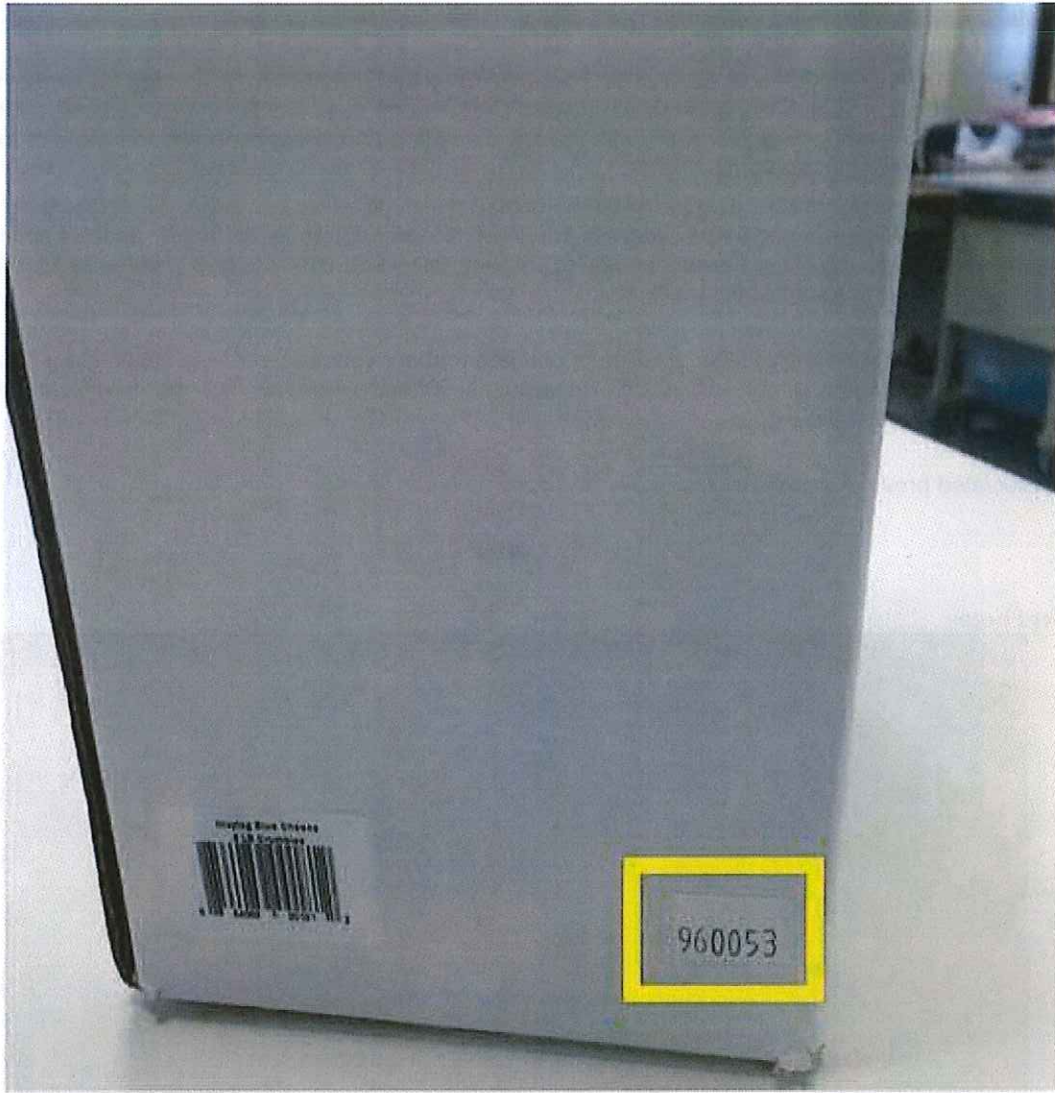
We apologize for any temporary inconvenience or concern that our voluntary recall is causing our customers and the families who have enjoyed our products for generations. To learn more and for updates, please visit [www.maytagdairyfarms.com](http://www.maytagdairyfarms.com) .

Initial associated press release

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#### Product Photos





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