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**DATE:** February 22, 2016

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

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**SUBJECT:** Maytag Dairy Farms - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED PRODUCT:** "Maytag Blue" blue cheese wedges and wheels and 15 batches of blue cheese crumbles

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

Affected products are packaged as follows:

<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>Lot #s</u>
4 oz. wedges	
8 oz. wedges	150479, 150480, 150481, 150482, 150483
2 pound wheels	
4 pound wheels	
<u>Product</u>	<u>Batch #s</u>
5 pound crumbles	950826, 960020, 960037, 960040, 960041, 960049, 960053, 960054, 960067, 960068, 960069, 960070, 960071, 960072, 960073

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

The recalled product was distributed through retail stores, restaurants, and direct mail orders nationwide between December 11, 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

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 Voluntarily Recalls Blue Cheese Products Due to Possible Health Risk*



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## Consumers

Maytag Dairy Farms  
800-247-2458 or 641-791-2010

Announcement

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NEWTON, IA – Maytag Dairy Farms is voluntarily recalling 5 lots of "Maytag Blue" blue cheese wedges and wheels and 15 batches of blue cheese crumbles because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which 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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No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this issue.

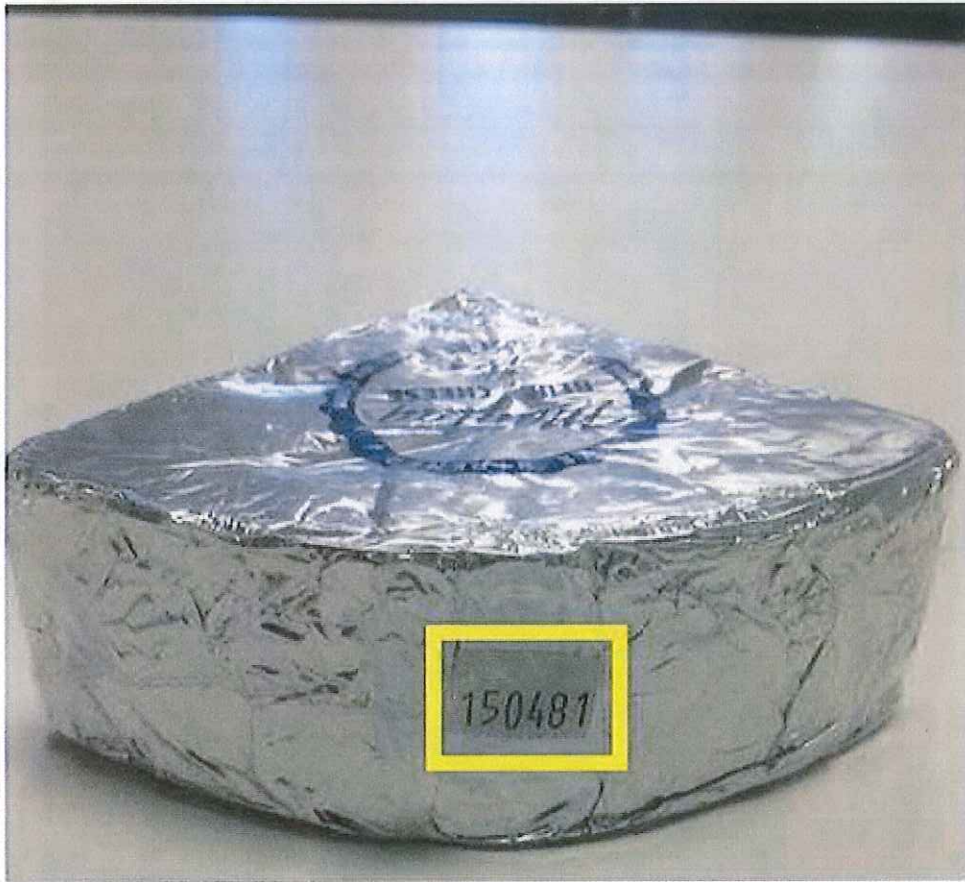
The potential for contamination was discovered after testing by the State of Iowa revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in two lots of product. Maytag Dairy Farms has voluntarily suspended production and distribution while the company collaborates with FDA and the State of Iowa to determine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

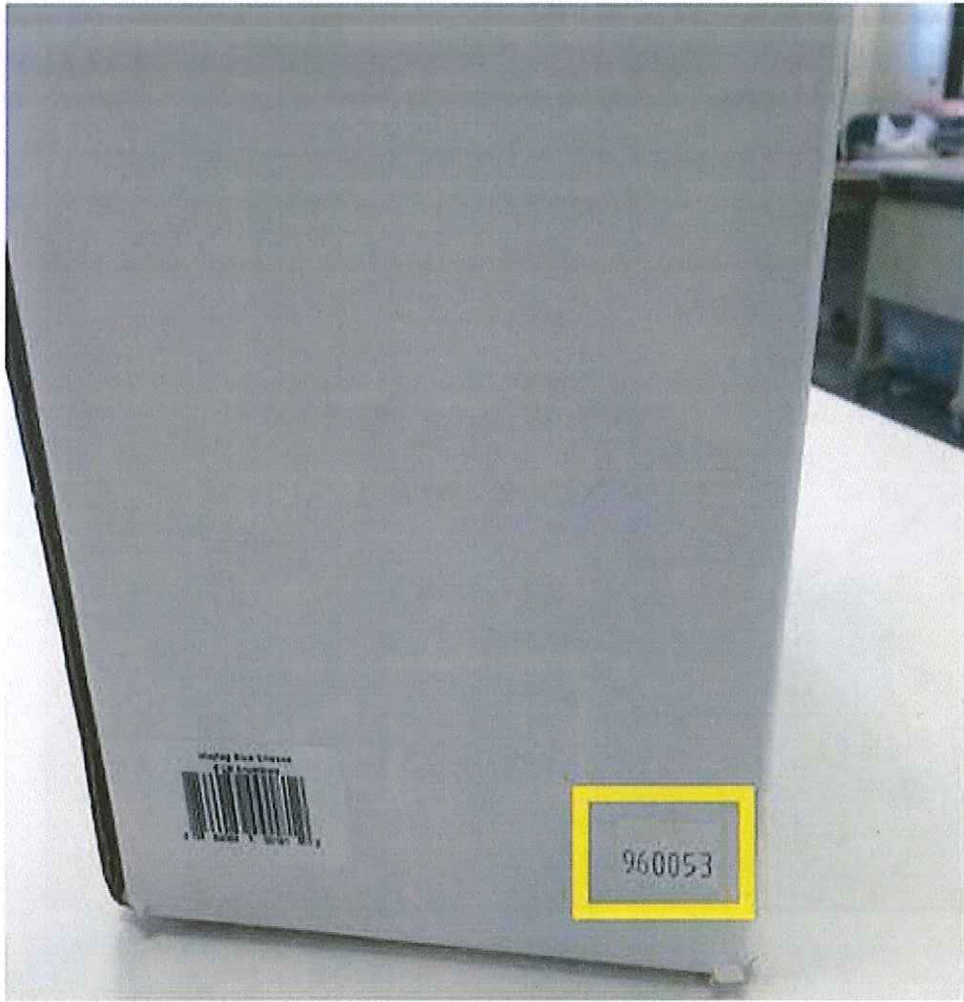
Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to discard them immediately and not consume them. Customers can call Maytag Dairy Farms at 800-247-2458 or 641-791-2010 Monday – Friday 9AM-5PM CST to arrange for a refund and return of the product.

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).

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Product Photos





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