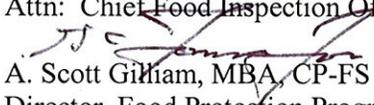




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**DATE:** December 29, 2010  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:**   
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** J&D Produce Inc. Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Fresh Green s being recalled due to Salmonella and Cross Contamination of other produce items; 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 neighboring States of Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Following confirmation from regulators of a positive test for salmonella on curly parsley in Quebec and cilantro in Detroit, J&D Produce Inc. is initiating a precautionary, voluntary recall of these two items and other potentially affected products packed only Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, 2010. 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.

**J&D Produce Announces Precautionary, Voluntary Recall Of Fresh Greens**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - December 28, 2010 - **Including packaging details; states affected; and clarifying product only packed on two dates (Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, 2010) is covered by this recall** - Following confirmation from regulators of a positive test for salmonella on curly parsley in Quebec and cilantro in Detroit, J&D Produce Inc. is initiating a precautionary, voluntary recall of these two items and other potentially affected products packed only Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, 2010. There have been no reported illnesses.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy people 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.

"It's imperative to protect public health, even if that means being overzealous in expanding the scope of the products we're calling back," said James Bassetti, president of J&D Produce Inc. "We will work closely with regulators, health officials and our customers in bringing back the products.

To further ensure public health, additional produce commodities were recalled due to the possibility of cross contamination from having been run on the same packing lines as the curly parsley and cilantro. **The Products Being Recalled, PLU/UPC Number, and Areas Where Distributed** are listed below.

CURLY PARSLEY, PLU # 4899, Ontario, Washington, Massachusetts, Quebec, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Missouri, Rhode Island, New York, Texas, Ohio, Connecticut

CILANTRO, PLU #4889, Ontario, Massachusetts, Washington, Quebec, New York, Illinois, Texas, Colorado, Michigan, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio

ARUGULA, PIU #4884, Ontario, Rhode Island, Texas

BEETS, PLU # 4539, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ontario, Wisconsin, Quebec, Texas, Illinois, Rhode Island

#### **PRECAUTIONARY, VOLUNTARY RECALL**

COLLARDS, PLU # 4614, Ontario, Texas, Wisconsin, Quebec, Michigan, Ohio

CURLY MUSTARD, PLU # 4616, Quebec, Texas

DIAKON, does not contain PLU or UPC, Ontario, New York, Texas, Quebec

DILL, PLU # 4891, Ontario, Massachusetts, Quebec, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Texas, New Jersey, Wisconsin

GOLDEN BEETS, PLU # 3273, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Texas

GREEN KOHLRABI, PLU # 4628, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Wisconsin

GREEN SWISS CHARD, PLU # 4586, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, Texas

KALE, PLU # 4627, Ontario, Quebec, Texas, Wisconsin, Montreal, Michigan, Illinois, Rhode Island, New York, Ohio, Toronto

LEEK, PLU # 4629 Texas

METHILEAF, UPC # 664781 10500 4, Ontario, Texas

MINT, PLU # 4896, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan

PARSLEY, PLU # 4901, Ontario, Washington, Quebec, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut

RAINBOW CHARD, UPC # 66478140610 1, Illinois, Connecticut

RED SWISS CHARD, PLU # 4587, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Quebec, Rhode Island, Texas

TEXAS MUSTARD, PLU # 4618, Oklahoma, Texas

TURNIPS WITH TOPS, PLU #4810, Texas, Michigan

TURNIP TOPS, PLU # 4619, Texas

All commodities are packed in red, white, and blue waxed cartons under the Little Bear brand. The individual bunches are banded, except for Diakon, using a rubber band or a twist tie identified by a flag tag that shows a little bear with a cowboy hat, a red handkerchief and a Texas flag. See Exhibit 1 showing Little Bear flag tags and bands. All products were distributed through retail stores and wholesale terminal markets.

"We're all seeing increased inspections by regulators and health officials here in the U.S. and Canada, and that's positive because it helps further ensure public health," Bassetti said. "We've already implemented immediate measures to make sure we minimize the likelihood of this re-occurring." For example, upon learning of the test in Quebec, Bassetti ordered the shut down of all production lines; re-sanitized the production lines; increased manual inspections; and implemented additional product rinse steps. Bassetti said he has also brought in outside consultants to review and advise the company on additional microbiological sampling and its food safety protocols.

"We have a good track record, but we'll bring our expectations and standards to even bigger levels," he said.

The commodities have 'pack dates' of either Nov. 30, 2010, or December 6, 2010 and from experience these types of greens are sold, purchased by the consumer and/or eaten within about fourteen days from "pack dates"; however, if any consumer has any of these items in his or her possession the commodity(s) should be destroyed or returned to the store where purchased for a full refund.

For additional information, contact J&D Produce by email at: [qa@littlebearproduce.com](mailto:qa@littlebearproduce.com) ; or by fax: 956-381-9732; or by phone at 956-380-0353.

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Photo: Product Labels<sup>11</sup>

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