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Green Onions - Possible Salmonella

At a Glance: Church Brothers Produce has issued a voluntary recall of fresh green onions because routine testing found a positive result for Salmonella. No illnesses have been associated with this product.

The Issue: Salmonella is a serious food-borne illness that can be dangerous to the elderly, the young, and the immuno-compromised. Those infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

Am I Impacted? If you purchased any product subject to recall, you will be contacted by your Distribution Center.

US Foodservice Position: We have been notified that Cross Valley Farms Green Onions are affected and are in the process of recalling them today, Saturday, August 29, 2009. Affected product will have a code on the box starting with 01937.

At US Foodservice we take food safety very seriously and will execute this recall action efficiently and effectively. We also understand the extreme sensitivity of our customers to food-related health issues and are committed to keeping our customers abreast of the latest developments as fast as we get the information.

What You Can Do:

- Avoid eating or serving any recalled products
- Do not use any of these products as ingredients in recipes, even if cooked.
- Discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food-borne illness should consult their health care providers
- Review your own internal recall procedures- does your staff know what to do if they receive notice that a product is being recalled?
- Purchase all of your supplies from a company with a robust recall program that can keep you aware of recall and food safety issues

Finally, count on U.S. Foodservice to keep you informed, and to keep recalled product out of your establishment.