



DATE: February 10, 2014

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

FROM: *Kristine Jasper*
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Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Big Red Tomato Packers, LLC [Food]

**AFFECTED
PRODUCT:** Fresh tomatoes

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; These products may have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

This is a limited recall of 790 - 20 and 25 lb. boxes of fresh tomatoes of lot 1106.

Tomatoes from the lot were distributed to a limited number of receivers. Those states include nearby Michigan as well as in the states of Florida, North Carolina, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. All receivers of the lot have been notified.

**SUGGESTED
ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. For more information, please contact Erin Cox at 772-466-0700 or erin@bigredtomatopackers.com. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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.

**Big Red Tomato Packers, LLC Voluntarily Recalls Fresh Tomatoes
Due to Possible Risk of Contamination from *Salmonella***

Contact

Consumer:
772-466-0700

Media:
Erin Cox
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - February 7, 2014 - Big Red Tomato Packers, LLC of Fort Pierce, FL is voluntarily issuing a limited recall of 790 - 20 and 25 lb. boxes of fresh tomatoes of lot 1106, because they may have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting or abdominal pain.

This is a voluntary precautionary recall as there are no known illnesses associated with this lot number.

Tomatoes from the lot were distributed to a limited number of receivers in Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. All receivers of the lot have been notified.

The potential for contamination was discovered as the result of a routine random lot sample taken on January 28, 2014. All currently existing product associated with this lot number is subject to this recall.

Big Red Tomato Packers is and will remain committed to being a quality producer of Florida tomatoes. Big Red is currently reviewing all policies and procedures associated with food safety to minimize any future occurrence.

Any product remaining in the market channels should be disposed of immediately.

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