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**DATE:** September 14, 2015  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attr: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:** *Laurie Kidwell*  
Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor  
Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Custom Produce Sales (“Custom Produce”) - Recall [Food]

**AFFECTED PRODUCT:** Cucumbers sold under the Fat Boy® label

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; The cucumbers are being recalled because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

These cucumbers are shipped in a black, green, red and craft colored carton which reads “Fat Boy Fresh Produce.”. This variety is often referred to as a “Slicer” or “American” cucumber. It has a dark green color. It typically has a length of 7 to 10 inches and a diameter of 1.75 to 2.5 inches.

Fat Boy cucumbers were packed into the following:

- Cucumber Carton 24’s Fat Boy Label
- Cucumber Carton Super Select Fat Boy Label
- Cucumber Carton 6 count Fat Boy Label
- Cucumber Carton 5 # Fat Boy Label
- Possible Fat Boy Lot Codes: 93968, 94506, 94550, 94522, 94513, 93991

Reusable Plastic Containers (RPC):  
Lot Code: (01) 1 0851821 22000 2 (10) 99  
Item # 552678329

Fat Boy® cucumbers were produced in Baja California and distributed in the state of Illinois.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased Fat Boy® brand cucumbers are urged not to consume them and to return them to the place of purchase or to dispose of them. Consumers with questions may contact Custom Produce by visiting the company website at [www.customproducesales.com](http://www.customproducesales.com) or by calling the company at 559-254-5860. 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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*Custom Produce Sales Voluntarily Recalls Fat Boy Brand® and Unlabeled Cucumbers Because of Possible Health Risk*

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
Tony Bozzo  
559-254-5860

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** — September 11, 2015 — Parlier, CA — Custom Produce Sales (“Custom Produce”) of Parlier, California is voluntarily recalling all cucumbers sold under the Fat Boy® label starting August 1, 2015 because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella* and are covered by an ongoing recall. No other Fat Boy® products are covered by this recall. Unlabeled cucumbers packed into a black reusable plastic container (RPC) and were sold in Nevada, as of August 1, 2015 are also covered by this recall.

Custom Produce is currently working with health authorities on this recall, which is associated with an outbreak of *Salmonella* Poona, with 341 illnesses, including 2 deaths, being reporting in as many as 30 states. Custom Produce has contacted all customers who may have received this product.

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

Fat Boy® cucumbers were produced in Baja California and distributed in the states of California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas.

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