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DATE: December 29, 2014  
TO: All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
FROM: *Laurie Kidwell*  
Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor  
Food Protection Program  
SUBJECT: Farm Country Cheese House - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Raw Milk Cheddar

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The product is being recalled because it has the potential to be contaminated with Listeria Monocytogenes.

The Raw Milk Cheddar in question is packaged under two different labels. The first label will have Farm Country Cheese House logo on the far left hand side, and the product name (Raw Milk Cheddar) will be written on top of the label. This product is sold as an 8 oz block. This product has "Use By Date" on the back of the cheese. The dates are between October 28th 2015 and December 5th 2015. This label will also have a Julian Date in the lower right hand corner. These Julian dates are as follows: 14301, 14302, 14308, 14309, 14324, 14325, 14332, 14336, and 14339.

The second label will have Farm Country Cheese House logo on the far left hand side, and the product name (Raw Milk Cheddar) written in white over a light blue banner this label will have the "Use By Date" on the back, it will not have a Julian Date. The "Use By Date" dates are between October 28th 2015 and December 5th 2015. This will be packaged in 8oz blocks and 5 lb. loafs.

The Raw Milk Cheddar was distributed in the nearby state of Michigan. More specific in the Grand Rapids metro area and, Detroit metro area through retail stores and specialty shops.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased Farm Country Cheese House Raw Milk Cheddar are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 989-352-7779, or [info@farmcountrycheesehouse.com](mailto:info@farmcountrycheesehouse.com). Monday thru Friday from 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M EST. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-3213.

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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.



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## *Farm Country Cheese House Recalls Raw Milk Cheddar Because Of Possible Contamination With Listeria Monocytogenes*

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
989-352-7779

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** —December 24, 2014 — Lakeview, MI — Farm Country Cheese House of, Lakeview Michigan is recalling 1136.53 pounds of Raw Milk Cheddar, because it has 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.

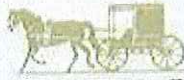
The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the FDA which revealed that the finished products contained the bacteria. Farm Country Cheese House has ceased the production and distribution of the product as FDA and the company continues their investigation as to what caused the problem.

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MADE WITH LOCAL MILK  
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**RAW MILK CHEDDAR**

ANTIBIOTIC FREE • HAND MILKED AND GRASS FED  
PLEASE DRINK RICE FROM APPROPRIATELY WASHED, CHEESE CUTTING, SALT  
AND ONIONS.

<b>NET WT</b>	<b>UNIT PRICE</b>	<b>**TOTAL PRICE**</b>
1.41 lb	\$6.19 lb	<b>\$8.73</b>

100%



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NATURAL CHEESE made from 100% pasteurized MILK,  
Clean Culture, Salt and Enzymes.

Average Retail Serving Size: 1 oz (28g) 1 in. cube. Nutrition Facts based on 1 oz (28g) serving. Calories 110. Fat 10g (20%), Total Fat 2g (4%), Salt 1g (20%), Sugar 1g (2%), Protein 1g (2%), Cholesterol 5g (10%), Sodium 140mg (30%), Total Carb 0g (0%), Fiber 0g (0%), Total Daily Value % based on a diet consisting of 100% of the above ingredients.

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