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Department of Health**  
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State Health Commissioner

**DATE:** March 9, 2014

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

**FROM:** *A. Scott Gilliam*  
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**SUBJECT:** Frontier Natural Products Co-op - RECALL [Food]  
**RECALL EXPANDED**

**AFFECTED  
PRODUCT:** Several of its products manufactured with ORGANIC BLACK PEPPERCORNS

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; This recall is due to the potential of *Salmonella* contamination. This recall has been expanded to include other brands that were made with Frontier Natural Products Co-op Organic Black Peppercorns. Below is the updated list of the recalled products:

Brand	Full Product Name	Size/Weight	UPC Code	Lot Code
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	2.12oz	0-89836-18435-1	3246, 3288
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	25 lbs	0-89836-82603-9	3226, 3288
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	16oz	0-89836-02603-3	3256
Nature's Place	Black Peppercorn Whole Organic	2.26oz	7-25439-95273-6	3232
Meijer	Peppercorns Black Organic	2.26oz	7-13733-78173-2	3233, 3280
Sprouts	Peppercorns Black Whole Organic	2.12oz	8-74875-00425-4	3246, 3287
Whole Foods 365	365 Organic Peppercorns, Black Whole	2.12oz	0-99482-44563-8	3246, 3287
Whole Foods 365	365 Peppercorns, Black Whole	1.87oz	0-99482-44497-6	3287
Whole Foods 365	365 Value Size Peppercorns, Black Whole	8.08oz	0-99482-44511-9	3260, 3267
Whole Foods 365	365 Organic Black Peppercorns	2.12oz	0-99482-73914-0	3247
Simply Organic	Black Pepper Grinder	75grams	0-89836-19218-9	3260
Simply Organic	Black Peppercorns Organic	75grams	0-89836-19210-3	3221, 3262, 3294
Simply Organic	Black Pepper Whole Organic	2.65oz	0-89836-18524-2	3221, 3262
Simply Organic	Daily Grind, Certified Organic	2.65oz	0-89836-18263-0	3261

On foil bulk packages, the lot codes will be found on the front label directly above the UPC code. On bottled glass and plastic items, the lot codes can be found on the bottom of the bottle. Recalled products were sold in all 50 states to distributors, retailers and consumers.

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Please contact Frontier with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800- 669-3275 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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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

**Frontier Natural Products Co-op Initiates Voluntary Class 1 Recall  
Due to Possible Health Risk from Organic Black Peppercorns**

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
1-800-669-3275

Media:  
[anne.rierson@frontiercoop.com](mailto:anne.rierson@frontiercoop.com)  
(319) 227-7996 ext.1163

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - April 9, 2014 - Frontier Natural Products Co-op is voluntarily recalling several of its products manufactured with organic black peppercorns that were sold under its Frontier and Simply Organic brands, Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value, Nature's Place and others due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. To date, no illnesses have been associated with these products.

While the product in question was steam pasteurized at the source and tested negative for *Salmonella* by Frontier Natural Products Co-op, there is a small risk that *Salmonella* may still be present based on a positive, random test that was recently conducted. Frontier Natural Products Co-op is immediately initiating added precautions to the safety of the supply chain to mitigate any future occurrence.

Consumption of products containing *Salmonella* 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) endocarditic and arthritis.

Recalled products were sold in all 50 states and in some parts of Canada to distributors, retailers and consumers. Below is the list of products containing the organic black peppercorn:


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Frontier Natural Products Co-op is initiating recall notices to our accounts who received any of the above recalled products with instructions for returning or destroying the recalled products and for notifying their customers of the recall. Consumers should not consume these products.

Please contact Frontier with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800- 669-3275 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time.

Images of the products above can be seen by going to the following link:  
<http://www.frontiercoop.com/recall> 

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