

Michael R. Pence Governor

Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH State Health Commissioner

DATE:

January 11, 2016

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor

Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Good Earth Egg Company, LLC - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED** 

PRODUCT:

**Shell Eggs** 

SUMMARY:

Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because they have the potential to be contaminated

with Salmonella.

In light of this investigation, and with an abundance of caution, Good Earth Egg Company has initiated a voluntary recall of all shell eggs. Various sizes of shell eggs are packaged in the following ways: 6-count cartons, 10-count cartons, 12-count cartons, 18-count cartons, 15 dozen cases, and 30 dozen cases. The dates and codes on the cartons and cases will include everything prior to and including date code 006 - Sell

By 02/05/2016, under the brand name Good Earth Egg Company, license number D-01124.

The Good Earth Egg Company recalled products were distributed throughout the Midwest, including

Missouri and Illinois, at the retail and wholesale level, institutions, and to walk-in customers.

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers with questions may contact Good Earth Egg Company, LLC at goodeartheggco@hotmail.com. 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.

Good Earth Egg Company Voluntarily Recalls Shell Eggs Because Of Possible Health Risk 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.



For Immediate Release

January 9, 2016

Contact

## **Consumers**

Good Earth Egg Company, LLC goodeartheggco@hotmail.com

Firm Press Release
View Product Photos

Good Earth Egg Company, LLC of Bonne Terre, Missouri has announced a voluntary recall of its shell eggs because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, 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.

The Food and Drug Administration has notified Good Earth Egg that a link has been established between eggs produced in our facility to cases of *Salmonella* illnesses in the state of Missouri.

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Good Earth Egg Company is working with distributors and retailers to remove these products from wholesale suppliers and retail shelves. Consumers do not need to return the product to the store where it was purchased. Instead, consumers should discard any product and its container. Good Earth Egg Company will work directly with each consumer to manage replacement of its product.

Consumers with questions may contact Good Earth Egg Company, LLC at goodeartheggco@hotmail.com.

Good Earth Egg Company has released the following statement, "We are taking these steps because consumer safety is our top priority. As a third-generation family operated farm, we are solely focused on providing fresh, quality, healthy eggs to local consumers. Although no Good Earth Egg Company eggs have tested positive for *Salmonella*, we feel strongly that issuing a voluntary recall is the right thing to do. Good Earth Egg Company is working closely with the FDA to determine the root cause of the potential contamination."



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