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## **Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. Ground Beef Recall**

The United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has announced that Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. has voluntarily recalled about 131,300 pounds of ground beef produced in Emporia, Kansas because it may be contaminated with *E. coli* 015:H7 bacteria." Tyson has informed the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) that the only product distributed in Delaware went to the Dover Air Force Base Commissary.

The ground meat was distributed in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. According to Tyson, "Each package bears the establishment code EST 245D as well as a "Best Before or Freeze By SEP 12, 2011." The product was produced on August 23, 2011."

The ground beef (73% lean 27% fat) is packaged in 5 lb. and 3 lb chubs. A chub looks like a long loose sausage roll. According to the USDA FSIS, "3-pound chubs of a generic label "GROUND BEEF 73% LEAN - 27% FAT," packed in 36-pound cases each containing 12 chubs are the ones being recalled in Delaware. Cases bear an identifying product code of "D-0211 LWI."

Since the ground beef had a *Best Before* or *Freeze by Date* of September 12, 2011, it has most likely already been consumed or frozen. Consumers and institutions are advised to **discard any and all product** with the above mentioned Establishment Code and date. **Do not cook it, just discard it.**

Delaware's Division of Public Health (DPH) has not received reports of illness associated with this beef recall. Anyone concerned that they may have become ill from eating Tyson Fresh Meats ground beef should contact DPH's epidemiology line at 1-888-295-5156 or 302-744-1033.

Symptoms of *E. coli* vary from person to person, but often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. Symptoms could appear three days after exposure, but one to nine days is not uncommon. Fever may or may not be present. Some infected people may have mild diarrhea or no symptoms at all. In others, particularly children under age 5, the infection can cause the kidneys to fail, which can be fatal.

For more information on *E. coli*, go to <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/ecolifaq.pdf>

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