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Firm recalls cucumbers because of possible health risk

Andrew and Williamson Fresh Produce (“A&W”) of San Diego, Calif. is voluntarily recalling all cucumbers sold under the Limited Edition® label during the period from Aug. 1 through Sept. 3 because it may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

A&W is currently working with health authorities to determine if, in fact, this product is the source of an outbreak of *Salmonella* with illnesses being reporting in as many as 27 states, including five in Illinois. However, no related cases have been reported in Kane County.

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.

These cucumbers are shipped in a black, green, yellow, and craft colored carton which reads “Limited Edition Pole Grown Cucumbers.” 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. In retail it is typically is sold in a bulk display without any individual packaging or plastic wrapping. In food service it is typically served as part of a salad.

Consumers who have purchased Limited Edition® brand cucumbers are urged not to consume them and to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund or to dispose of them. Consumers with questions may contact Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce by visiting the company website at www.andrew-williamson.com or by calling the company at (844) 483-3864.

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