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Good Earth Egg Company recalls shell eggs due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that 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*.

The Good Earth Egg Company recalled products were distributed throughout the Midwest, including Missouri and Illinois, at the retail and wholesale level institutions. Although no reports of illness in Illinois have yet been reported, the Food and Drug Administration has notified the company that a link has been established between its products to cases of *Salmonella* illnesses in the state of Missouri.

Salmonella is an organism that 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 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.

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.

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