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Good Earth Egg Company recalls shell eggs because of possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that the Good Earth Egg Company, LLC of Bonne Terre, Mo., has announced a voluntary recall of its shell eggs because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

The Food and Drug Administration has notified Good Earth Egg that a link has been established between eggs distributed by its facility to cases of *Salmonella* illnesses in Missouri and surrounding states, although none of those cases have been reported in Kane County. In light of this investigation, 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 252 – Sell By 10/08/2016, with “Packed for” or “Produced for Good Earth Egg Company.”

The Good Earth Egg Company recalled products were distributed throughout the Midwest, including Missouri, Illinois and Kansas, at the retail and wholesale level, institutions, restaurants and to walk-in customers. Good Earth eggs were sold at Dierbergs, Straubs, Midtowne Market and Price Chopper in the metropolitan St. Louis area.

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.

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. The 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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