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## **Beef, veal and pork products recalled due to possible contamination**

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Marcho Farms, Inc., a Souderton, Pa. establishment, is recalling approximately 5,620 pounds of boneless veal, and ground veal, beef and pork products that may be adulterated with non-O157 Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) O111, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. However, these items were distributed to retail stores and food service locations in Illinois and other states.

The veal, beef and pork products were produced on April 11 and April 14. The following products are subject to recall:

- 60-lb.cases of "VEAL BONELESS TRIMMINGS HALAL" with case code "5398" and "MANFU. DATE" of "04/11/2017."
- 60-lb. cases of "VEAL TRIMMINGS USDA CHOICE" with case code "98" and "MANFU. DATE" of "04/11/17."
- 9-lb. cases of "VEAL, BEEF, PORK GROUND FOR MEATLOAF" with case code "3122" and "Sell By" date "05/05/17."
- 10-lb. cases of "VEAL, BEEF, PORK GROUND FOR MEATLOAF BULK PACK" with case code "3125."

The problem was discovered when the Illinois State Meat Inspection Service notified FSIS on May 2 about positive non-O157 Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) samples made with source material produced by Marcho Farms, Inc.

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Like *E. coli* O157:H7, non-O157 Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause dehydration, bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps 2–8 days (3–4 days, on average) after exposure to the organism. While most people recover within a week, some develop a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). This condition can occur among persons of any age but is most common in children under 5-years old and older adults. It is marked by easy bruising, pallor, and decreased urine output. Persons who experience these symptoms should seek emergency medical care immediately.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall can contact Herb Nicolo, Marcho Farms, Inc.'s plant manager, at (215) 721-7131.

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