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World Variety Produce recalls Italian Pine Nuts because of possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that World Variety Produce, Inc. of Los Angeles, Calif., is voluntarily recalling Italian Pine Nuts 2oz and 3oz, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Although no illnesses have been reported to date, the products were distributed through retailers throughout numerous states, including Illinois.

Recalled Italian Pine Nuts can be identified by the following descriptions:

Brand	Melissa's Italian Pine Nuts
Packaging	2oz (57g) Plastic Bag
UPC Code	0-45255-14351-5
Use By Date (located on back panel)	09.14.2016
Batch Code (located on back panel)	15CNP10
Brand	Wegmans Italian Classics Pine Nuts
Packaging	3oz (85g) Square Plastic Tub
UPC Code	0-77890-24823-2
Best Used By Date (located on bottom of tub)	041016, 041716

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.

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The recall was a result of a routine random sampling program by the FDA which revealed that the finished products contained the bacteria. The company has ceased the production and distribution of the product as the FDA and World Variety Produce, Inc. continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who have purchased Melissa's Italian Pine Nuts 2oz & Wegmans Italian Classics Pine Nuts 3oz are urged to destroy and dispose of recalled product. Consumers with questions may contact the company at hotline@melissas.com or call 1-800-588-0151, Mon-Fri 6:00 AM–6:00 PM PST.

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