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**DATE:** May 24, 2010  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:** *DLG*  
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Caldwell Fresh Foods Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; All alfalfa sprouts manufactured under the Caldwell Fresh Foods, Nature's Choice, and California Exotics brands, because the alfalfa sprouts may be contaminated with Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The alfalfa sprouts were distributed to a variety of restaurants, delicatessens and retailers nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

**Caldwell Fresh Foods Recalls Alfalfa Sprouts Because of Possible Health Risks**

**Contact:**  
Caldwell Fresh Foods  
Maywood, CA  
(323) 589-5008

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - May 21, 2010 - Caldwell Fresh Foods, of Maywood, CA, is voluntarily recalling all alfalfa sprouts manufactured under the Caldwell Fresh Foods, Nature's Choice, and California Exotics brands, because the alfalfa sprouts may be contaminated with Salmonella.

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. Consumers with the above symptoms should consult their physician.

Caldwell alfalfa sprouts have been associated with an outbreak of Salmonella Newport that has sickened more than 20 people in 10 states, including 11 people in California. The latest known illness is May 2, 2010; many of those who have become sick reported eating raw alfalfa sprouts. There have been no deaths reported, but 4 cases have been hospitalized.

The recalled alfalfa sprouts are labeled and packaged as follows:

- Caldwell Fresh Foods - 4-ounce plastic cups and one pound plastic bags, and 2-pound and 5 pound plastic bags in cardboard boxes with sticker affixed with the printed words Caldwell Fresh Foods.
- Nature's Choice - 4-ounce plastic cups
- California Exotics brands - 5-ounce plastic clamshell containers

The alfalfa sprouts were distributed to a variety of restaurants, delicatessens and retailers nationwide. In California, our products are sold at Kings Super Market, Numero Uno Stores, Cárdenas Markets, Trader Joe's Stores, Gonzalez Northgate Markets, Wal-Mart stores Jons Markets, and Canton Foods.

Caldwell Fresh Foods alfalfa sprouts not affected by this recall will have a bright, round, green sticker affixed to the lids and labels.

Consumers who are experiencing illness after consuming our sprouts should seek medical attention. Consumers that have purchased alfalfa sprouts manufactured by Caldwell Fresh Foods are urged to return them to the place of purchase for refund or dispose of them. Consumers with questions may contact Maurie Thomas at (323) 589-5008 from 4 am to 4 pm (PST) or (562) 858-1201 (24 hours).

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Photo: Product Labels<sup>1</sup>