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**DATE:** August 31, 2010  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspector Officer  
**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Morningland and Ozark Hills Farm Cheese Recall

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; raw milk cheese because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* and also has the potential to be contaminated with *Staphylococcus aureus*. Consumer inquiry; from the information provided by the company the products were not distributed in the State of Indiana.

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#### Recall -- Firm Press Release

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#### Morningland Dairy Conducting Nationwide Voluntary Recall of All Cheese Labeled as Morningland Dairy & Ozark Hills Farm Because of Possible Health Risk

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - August 30, 2010 - Morningland Dairy of Mountain View, Missouri, is recalling 68,957 pounds of cheese because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* and also has the potential to be contaminated with *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Morningland Dairy's raw milk cheese is sold in the lower 48 states via mail order, retail stores, crop sharing associations, and direct delivery. The cheese is packaged in vacuum-sealed plastic packages that are sold as random weight size retail packages. The specific varieties of cheese are sold under the following brand names and flavors:

**Morningland Dairy Raw Milk Cheese (from cow milk):** Colby, Hot Pepper Colby, Garlic Colby, Italian Colby, Dill Colby, No-Salt Added Mild Cheddar, Mild Cheddar, Medium Sharp Cheddar, Sharp Cheddar.

**Ozark Hill Farms Raw Goat Milk Cheese:** Colby, Hot Pepper Colby, Italian Colby, Garlic 'N' Chive Colby, Mild Cheddar, Medium Sharp Cheddar, Sharp Cheddar.

The codes affected by the recall are handwritten on the front of the label, and range from A10 (representing January 1, 2010) through F250 (representing June 25, 2010).

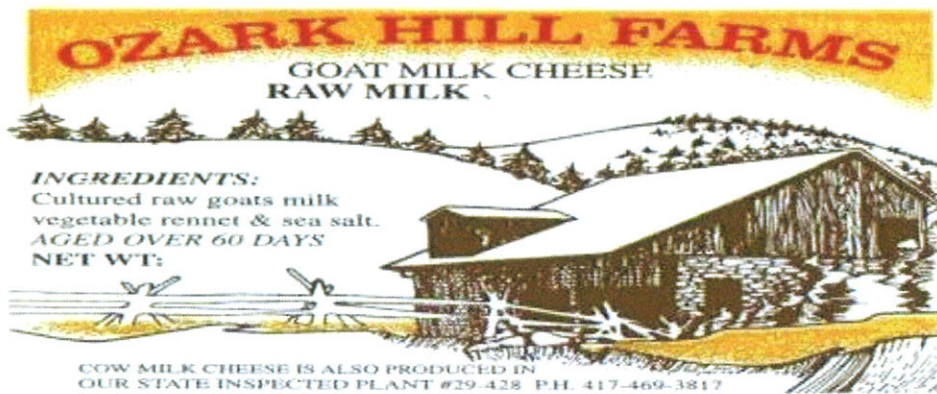
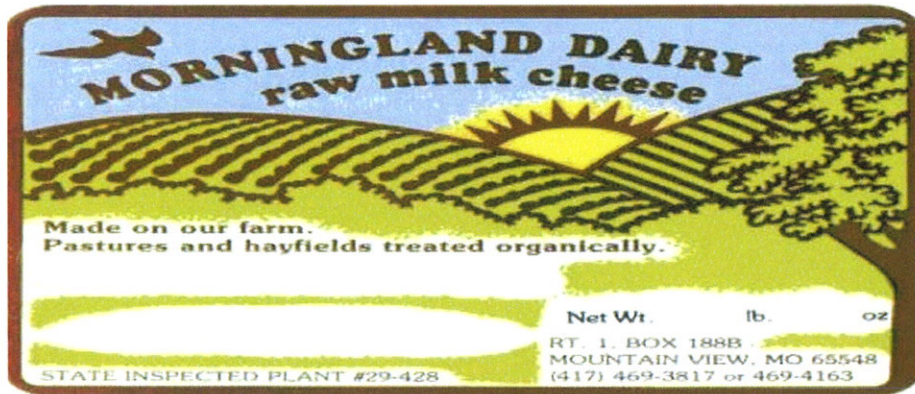
#### NO ILLNESSES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO DATE.

The recall is a result of regulatory sampling in the State of California. This regulatory sampling of Morningland Dairy cheese, which was taken from the Rawesome store in Venice, California, revealed the Morningland Dairy Hot Pepper Colby and Garlic Colby Cheeses contained the bacteria. Morningland Dairy has suspended the production and

distribution of all cheese, as FDA, the Missouri Milk Board, and Morningland Dairy continue their investigation as to the root cause of the problem.

Customers who have purchased the cheese should not eat it, and customers are asked to contact us for instructions, by contacting us at (417) 469-3817 Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., FAX (417) 469-5086, or by e-mailing us at [morningland@centurytel.net](mailto:morningland@centurytel.net). Customers can also check our web site for updates over the next several days: [www.morninglanddairy.com](http://www.morninglanddairy.com)<sup>9</sup>.

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