



**DATE:** May 21, 2012

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:**   
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC Recall

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** **Unclassified Recall; Retail and foodservice bagged salads, because they have the potential of being contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. Retail salad products under this recall were distributed nationwide under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch, Farm Stand, Hy-Vee, Marketside, Shurfresh, and The Farmer's Market. Foodservice salad products under this recall were distributed nationwide under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch, Cross Valley, Fresh n Easy, Promark, and Sysco. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-351-7190.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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**River Ranch Recalls Retail And Food Service Salads Because Of Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**  
Consumer:  
1-800-762-7708

Media:  
Kim St George  
831-758-1390

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - May 18, 2012 - River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of Salinas, CA is initiating a voluntary recall of retail and foodservice bagged salads, because they have the potential of being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* following routine random retail salad finished product tests conducted in the marketplace by the Food & Drug Administration.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Retail salad products under this recall were distributed nationwide under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch, Farm Stand, Hy-Vee, Marketside, Shurfresh, and The Farmer's Market.

Foodservice salad products under this recall were distributed nationwide under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch, Cross Valley, Fresh n Easy, Promark, and Sysco.

The recalled retail and foodservice salad bags have either "Best By" code dates between 12MAY2012 – 22MAY2012 or Julian dates between 116 – 125. The code date is typically located in the upper right hand corner of the bags.

See attached list for the specific salad products, size, package type, UPC codes and states of distribution.

No other products, brands or code dates aside from those listed below are affected by this recall.

There have been **NO** reported illnesses associated with this recall. We are working closely with the Food & Drug Administration and California Department of Public Health.

Consumers who have purchased this product should not consume it and are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions can contact River Ranch at their 24-hour customer service center at 1-800-762-7708.

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