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**DATE:** November 24, 2010  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Bravo Farms Expanded Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; All Bravo Farms cheese due to *Listeria monocytogenes* and *E.Coli O157:H7* bacteria were detected by CDFA during the investigation; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled may be distributed in the State of Indiana. Bravo Farms sells a variety of cheeses at retail stores throughout the US, mainly on the west coast, including Gouda, Pepper Jack, Tulare Cannonball, and several different styles and flavors of Cheddar cheese. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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**Recall -- Firm 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.

**Bravo Farms Cheese Recall**

**Contact:**  
Bravo Farms  
559-897-4634

**For Immediate Release** - November 23, 2010 - Bravo Farms is expanding its recall to include all Bravo Farms cheese. Bravo Farms had previously issued a recall on its Dutch Style Gouda, and now out of concern for any further contamination we have decided to further expand the recall to include all of our cheeses. Our customer's safety and well being are our top priority, and this is the best way we can be sure we fulfill this obligation.

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Through cooperation with the FDA and CDFA we have begun thorough testing of the plant due to the E. Coli contamination that was found in the Gouda. *Listeria monocytogenes* and E.Coli O157:H7 bacteria were detected by CDFA during the investigation. To date, no illnesses associated with *Listeria* in Bravo Farm cheese have been reported. Consumers should discard the cheese or return it to the place of purchase.

Our customers know we have high standards and that we produce some of the best tasting cheeses in the United States. We recently were awarded Top Cheddar in the United States in August.

E. coli O157:H7 causes diarrhea illness often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure. Young children and the elderly are most susceptible to serious complications and even death. *Listeria* can cause listeriosis among at risk people, including pregnant women, newborns, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, and sometimes nausea or diarrhea. If infection spreads to the nervous system, symptoms such as headache and stiff neck can occur. Infected pregnant women may experience only a mild, flu like illness; however, infections during pregnancy can lead to more serious problems for the fetus. Consumers should seek immediate medical care if they develop these symptoms.

Any questions can be directed to us at Bravo Farms 559-897-4634.

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Photos: Product Labels<sup>9</sup>