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DATE: March 4, 2013
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
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Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Byron Center Wholesale Meats Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Class I Recall; Approximately 6,586 pounds of ham products that were produced without a Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points (HACCP) plan; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled products bear the establishment number "Est. 2592" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced prior to March 1, 2013, and were distributed in Michigan and Indiana. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-351-7190.

Michigan Firm Recalls Ham Products That Were Produced Without A HACCP Plan

Recall Release
FSIS-RC-019-2013

CLASS I RECALL
HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 2, 2013 – Byron Center Wholesale Meats, a Byron Center, Michigan, establishment, is recalling approximately 6,586 pounds of ham products that were produced without a Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points (HACCP) plan, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: [\[View Labels\]](#)

- Various weight packages of "Seven Sons Family Farms & Co." Diced Ham (fully cooked), Smoked Ham Sliced (ready to cook/fully cooked) and Smoked Ham Roast (ready to cook/fully cooked).
- Various weight packages of "Heffron Farms" Diced Ham (ready to cook), Smoked Ham

Sliced (ready to cook), Smoked Ham Roast(ready to cook), Ground Ham Smoked Pork, Smoked Ham Hocks (ready to cook) and Picnic Hams (ready to cook).

- Various weight packages of "Byron Center Meats" Semi Boneless Ham (ready to cook), Canadian Bacon (not fully cooked), Smoked Ham Hocks, Smoked Pork Chops (ready to cook) and Smoked Picnic Hams.

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The problem was discovered when an FSIS inspector observed establishment personnel making diced and sliced ham products from whole hams. These hams were labeled as fully cooked, but the company does not have a HACCP plan for fully cooked product or a *Listeria* control program. Further investigation revealed other Ready-To-Eat and heat-treated products produced without HACCP plans. HACCP plans, in which establishments identify potential hazards associated with a given product, and identify a means of addressing those hazards in the production process, are required for all products.

FSIS and the company have received no reports of illness at this time. Anyone concerned about an illness from consumption of these products should contact a healthcare provider. FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify that recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Steve Sytsma, the company's President, at (616) 878-1578.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at www.AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at: www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Problems_With_Food_Products/index.asp

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