



**DATE:** July 5, 2013

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

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT** Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Company, USA Recall [Food]

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Voluntary Recall; July 3, 2013 – WATERLOO, WI - Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Company is issuing a voluntary recall for three specialty cheese products (Les Frères, Petite Frère, and Petite Frère with Truffles) while regulatory agencies continue a multi-state investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes*. Recommend notification of affected establishments via phone, fax, or e-mail.

This recalled product has been distributed throughout Indiana. This product is known to have been distributed to Whole Food Markets in Carmel and Indianapolis, Kroger Grocery Stores (Statewide), Jerusalem Grocery in Bloomington, and Good to Go by Lucrezia in Chesterton. In addition, these products may be sold in specialty stores and restaurants as well. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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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.

**Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Recalls Les Frères Cheese Products**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – July 3, 2013 – WATERLOO, WI - Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Company is issuing a voluntary recall for three specialty cheese products while regulatory agencies continue a multi-state investigation of *Listeria monocytogenes*. This organism 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.

The products recalled are:

- Les Frères (LF225 2/2.5#) with a make date of 7-1-13 or prior, packaged in white plastic with a green and gold label.
- Petit Frère (PF88 8/8 oz) with a make date of 7-1-13 or prior, packaged in small round wooden boxes.
- Petit Frère with Truffles (PF88T 8/8 oz) with a make date of 7-1-13 or prior, packaged in small round wooden boxes.

These products were distributed nationwide through retail and foodservice outlets as well as by mail orders.

Crave Brothers was informed by regulatory agencies of an ongoing investigation related to potential health risks associated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The company immediately ceased the production and distribution of the products.

"We are cooperating with the regulatory agencies' ongoing investigation of the cause of the potential health risks," said George Crave, president.

Consumers who have purchased any of these products are urged not to consume them. They can return the cheese to the place of purchase for a full refund or discard it. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 920-478-4887, Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

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