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DATE: July 27, 2011
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Expanded Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Class I Recall; Ready-to-eat chicken products by an additional 7,072 pounds. The products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; 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 products were produced on June 2, 2011, and shipped to a retail chain (Dollar General) in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Texas Firm Recalls Additional Ready-to-Eat Chicken Products for possible *Listeria* Contamination

Recall Release
FSIS-RC-052-2011-Expanded

CLASS I RECALL
HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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Editor's Note: This recall release is being reissued to expand the [January 20 recall](#) to include an undetermined amount of additional ready-to-eat chicken products.

WASHINGTON, July 26, 2011-

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a Mount Pleasant, Texas, establishment, is expanding its recall of ready-to-eat chicken products by an additional 7,072 pounds, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The [initial recall](#) was issued on July 20, 2011.

The following products are subject to recall:

- 16-lb. boxes containing 8 2-lb. bags of "Pilgrim's Pride Fully Cooked Chicken Breast Breaded Nugget Shaped Patties with Rib meat"

The Chicken Breast Nugget Shaped Patties have a date code of 11531010 inkjetted on the box, best-by date "JUN 02 2012" and bear the establishment number "P-7091A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. Each 2-lb. bag is marked with the date code and "P-7091A." The products were produced on June 2, 2011, and shipped to a retail chain in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The problem was discovered as a result of on-site internal testing at each establishment. FSIS and the company have received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify 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.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact a health care provider.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company's representative, Cheri Schneider, at (800) 321-1470. Members of the media with questions about the recall should contact the company's Vice President of Corporate Communications, Gary Rhodes, at (903) 434-1495.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. 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. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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