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**From:** Feeding America National Office [communication@feedingamerica.org]

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**To:** Emily Paris

**Subject:** Recall Notice: Lancaster Foods, LLC Voluntarily Recalls Fresh Spinach with Best Enjoyed By Dates of June 19 to June 27, 2010 Due to Possible Health Risk, June 24, 2010



## RECALL NOTICE

*The following message is being sent to all authorized member recall personnel.*

### 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.

### **Lancaster Foods, LLC Voluntarily Recalls Fresh Spinach with Best Enjoyed By Dates of June 19 to June 27, 2010 Due to Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 24, 2010 – Jessup, Maryland – Lancaster Foods, LLC is voluntarily recalling fresh Spinach with the Best Enjoyed By dates of 19 JUN 10 through 27 JUN 10 sold under the brand names Krisp-Pak, Lancaster Fresh, Giant, and America's Choice because they could be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recall extends only to products with this Use-by Date or Product Code and sold in the following states: New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia. No other Lancaster Foods, LLC products are included in the recall.

The recall notification is being issued out of an abundance of caution based on a random sample test conducted by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Food & Drug Protection Division (NCAGR) on fresh Spinach with the Best Enjoyed By dates of 23 JUN 10 sold under the brand name Krisp-Pak that was confirmed positive for *Listeria monocytogenes* in NCAGR labs. No illnesses have been associated with this possible contamination.

Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria M.* infection can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail, or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. It can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Consumers with any of these symptoms should consult their health care provider.

Because it is still possible that the spinach with the Best Enjoyed By dates of 19 JUN 10 through 27 JUN 10 sold under the brand names Krisp-Pak, Lancaster Fresh, Giant or America's Coice could be on store shelves, this recall extends to retailers as well as consumers. Lancaster Foods, LLC believes that it is important to alert consumers who might still possess one of the potentially affected expired packages of spinach to immediately dispose of it.

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Spinach included in the recall notification includes the items listed in the table below with Best Enjoyed By dates of 19 JUN 10 through 27 JUN 10.

**Instructions for Consumers:**

Check your refrigerator for packaged fresh Spinach with the Best Enjoyed By dates of 19 JUN 10 through 27 JUN 10 sold under the brand name Krisp-Pak, Lancaster Fresh, Giant, or America's Choice. The Use-by Date is found on the front of the package in the upper right hand corner.

Consumers who may have potentially affected product are asked to empty the contents of the package into your garbage, save the package, and contact a Lancaster Foods, LLC consumer representative toll-free at (800) 247-8125 between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Instructions for Retailers:**

All Product Codes indicated expire between June 19, 2010 and June 27, 2010, inclusive, however, retailers are asked to reconfirm with their distribution centers and all individual stores to ensure that no product remains in their inventory or at store locations. A separate letter and instructions will be forwarded to all relevant Lancaster Foods, LLC customers. For additional details, retailers are asked to contact their Lancaster Foods, LLC customer service representative.

Complete Listing of Recalled Lancaster Foods, LLC spinach packed under the Krisp-Pac, Lancaster Fresh, Giant, and America's Choice brands, Use-by Dates and Product Codes.

Bag UPC Code		Product Description	Oz
33383	65201	Krisp-Pak Hydro-Cooled Fresh Spinach, Best Enjoyed by 19 JUN 10 thru 27 Jun 10	10 oz
13055	01145	Lancaster Fresh, Triple Washed, All Natural, Curly Leaf Spinach, Best Enjoyed by 19 JUN 10 thru 27 JUN 10	8, 10, and 12 oz
88267	09813	Giant, Fresh Spinach, Best Enjoyed by 19 JUN 10 thru 27 JUN 10	10 oz
54807	76060	America's Choice, Spinach, Cold Water Washed, Best Enjoyed by 19 Jun 10 thru 27 Jun	10 oz

- **We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**
- We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm217207.htm>