

Fact Sheet: *E. coli* O157:H7 in Beef Products in 2008

E. coli O157:H7 is a deadly pathogen that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, and even death. Children and the elderly are especially vulnerable. Symptoms of *E. coli* O157:H7 illness include severe cramping, bloody diarrhea, and kidney failure, and usually last for 8 days.

Outbreaks from *E. coli* O157:H7 are most commonly linked to beef. To reduce your chance of illness, cook burgers and steaks to the proper temperature of 160° F and always wash your hands when preparing and eating food.

Beef Products Recalls Over Ten Thousand Pounds Associated with *E. coli* O157:H7 in 2008:

Nebraska Beef, Ltd., of Omaha, Nebraska

Date: June 30, & July 3, 2008

Product: beef trimmings (5.3 million lbs.)

Ill: 40 illnesses reported in Michigan (21) and Ohio (19)

States affected by recall: MI, OH

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Nebraska Beef, Ltd., of Omaha, Nebraska

Date: Aug. 7, & Aug 14, 2008

Product: primal cuts, subprimal cuts and boxed beef (1.36 million lbs.)

Ill: 26 cases in 10 states, 1 case in Canada

States affected by recall: nationwide

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Rochester Meat Company, of Rochester, Minnesota

Date: Jan. 12, 2008

Product: ground beef products (188,000 lbs.)

Ill: 5 illnesses in Wisconsin, and 1 illness in California

States affected by recall: WI, CA

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S&S Foods LLC, of Azusa, California

Date: Aug. 6, 2008

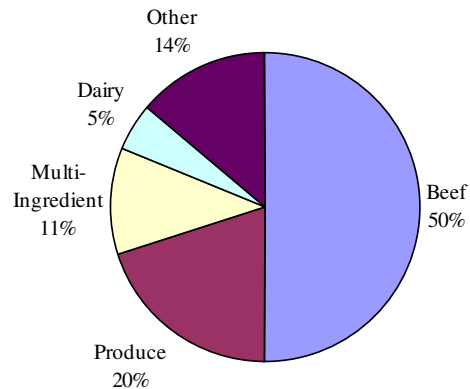
Product: frozen ground beef products (153,630 lbs.)

Ill: 11 confirmed reports of illnesses

States affected by recall: WI, PA

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Figure 1. *E. coli* Outbreaks 1990-2006



Source: *Outbreak Alert!* 2008. CSPI.

Palama Holdings, LLC, of Kapolei, Hawaii

Date: May 8, 2008

Product: ground beef (68,670 lbs.)

Ill: none reported

States affected by recall: HI

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A.C.S. Meyners Ltda., of Ponte Verde, Florida

Date: Oct. 8, 2008

Product: frozen beef trim (20,460 lbs.)

Ill: none reported

States affected by recall: NY, PA

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Dutch's Meat, Inc., of Trenton, New Jersey

Date: Jun. 8, 2008

Product: ground beef (13,275 lbs.)

Ill: none reported

States affected by recall: NJ

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Mark's Quality Meats, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan

Date: Jan. 5, 2008

Product: steaks and ground beef (13,150 lbs)

Ill: none reported

States affected by recall: MI

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