



Seneca Foods Corporation

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PRESS RELEASE
URGENT - FOOD RECALL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

Seneca Foods Corporation, Marion, NY is announcing an expansion to the voluntary recall of canned 15 ounce sliced beets and no salt sliced beets announced on September 28, 2004.

The expansion of the recall includes the additional labels of Best Yet, Fry's, Safeway and Von's.

Additional states where the product was distributed include Iowa, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and West Virginia.

The voluntary recall of 60,462 cases of canned 15 ounce sliced beets and no salt sliced beets is due to the potential for the product to be underprocessed. While no illnesses have been reported, there is a possibility that the product could be contaminated with harmful microorganisms. Sliced beet and no salt sliced beet products with these codes should not be eaten even if it does not look or smell spoiled. The company is now retrieving the product from its distribution system and store shelves.

The recall extends to several labels as follows: Libby's, Stokely's, Always Save, America's Choice, American Value, Best Yet, D&W, Dominick's, Flavorite, Food Club, Foodland, Friday, Fry's, Goya, Green Valley, Harris-Teeter, Hill Country Fare, Kroger, Ligo, Parade, Piggly Wiggly, Promos, Publix, Safeway, Shop N Save, Shurfine, Southern Home, Sysco Classic, Thrifty Maid, US Blue, Von's, and Wylwood.

The cans are marked with a two line format. Any combination of these codes are being recalled.

TOP LINE (seven digits)	BOTTOM LINE
G4CG16_ to 29_	3125J; 3125D; 3234J; 3234D; 5339J; 5339D; 3153J;3153D;3160J; 3160D
H4CG18_ to 31_	3125J; 3125D; 3234J; 3234D; 5339J; 5339D; 3153J;3153D;3160J; 3160D
I4CG01_ to 11_	3125J; 3125D; 3234J; 3234D; 5339J; 5339D; 3153J;3153D;3160J; 3160D
H4EI04_ to 11_	32292; 32342; 31532

This product has shipped between July 27th and September 24th to grocery outlets in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Limited international distribution has also occurred.

No other beet product styles including pickled, whole, diced, shoestring, crinkled sliced are affected.

The company has notified the Food and Drug Administration of its voluntary action and is in the process of identifying and correcting the cause of the potential underprocessing.

Consumers with this product should return it for a full refund to the retail outlet where it was purchased. Consumers who want more information may call Seneca Foods Consumer Affairs, 1-866-336-8700.

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