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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,  
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2004-48a

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## **Arkansas Firm Expands Recall of Chicken Strips Because Of Undeclared Allergen**

Tyson Foods, Inc., a Rogers, Ark., firm, is voluntarily expanding its Nov. 12 recall of approximately 420 pounds of frozen chicken products due to an undeclared allergen, (whey), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today. The product could cause an allergic reaction for people who are milk-sensitive.

The expanded recall includes 784 pounds of additional product that was distributed to retail stores in Louisiana and Texas. The original recall included distribution to stores in Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia.

Subject to recall are:

- 28 oz. packages of "Tyson FULLY COOKED CRISPY CHICKEN STRIPS, CHICKEN BREAST STRIP FRITTERS WITH RIB MEAT."

Each package bears one of the following production codes: "3024CNQ0216," "3024CNQ0217," "3024CNQ0218," "3024CNQ0219," "3024CNQ0220" or "3024CNQ0221."

Each package also bears the establishment number "P-7221" printed adjacent to the code on the back of the package.

The chicken strips were produced on Oct. 28, 2004.

The problem was discovered by the company. FSIS has received no reports of allergic reactions associated with consumption of this product. Anyone concerned about an allergic reaction should contact a physician.

**FOOD ALLERGIES**  
**USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline**  
**1-888-MPHotline or visit**  
[www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)

Consumers who have a food allergy or severe food sensitivity should always read ingredient labels. In restaurants they should ask whether an allergy-causing ingredient is in the food.

A food allergy occurs when the immune system reacts to a certain food, usually within minutes after the food has been consumed.

Symptoms may include throat swelling, breathing trouble or a rash.

Strictly avoiding the allergy-causing food is the only absolute way to avoid a reaction.

Several foods account for 90% of allergic reactions. They include peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, pecans, etc.), fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, soy, and wheat.

Persons who have a severe, life-threatening food allergy should always carry, and know how to administer, prescription epinephrine.

Media with questions may contact company representative Gary Mickelson 1-479-290-6111. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact Tyson's Consumer Information Hotline at 1-866-328-3156.

Consumers with other food safety questions can phone the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). The hotline 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.