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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2006-56

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Ballard's Farm Sausage, Inc. Recalls Egg Salad Because of Possible Health Risk

Wayne, WV -- Ballard's Farm Sausage, Inc. of Wayne, WV, is recalling the following egg salad products -- Ballard's 12 oz. egg salad, Food City 12 oz. egg salad and Valu Time 11 oz. egg salad -- because of contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. This organism can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled egg salads were distributed in West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Delaware, Illinois and Florida.

The products being recalled are sold in a clear plastic cup with the description cleared displayed on the side of the cup. All of the egg salad items being recalled, the Ballard's 12 oz. egg salad, Food City 12 oz. egg salad and the Valu Time 11 oz. egg salad, will have on the side of the cup a "Best if used by 11/7/06" description.

At this time no illnesses have been reported in connection with this contamination.

The contamination was noted after routine testing by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. This test revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in egg product.

The production of the product has been temporarily suspended while the company continues to investigate the source of the problem.

Consumers are urged to return the egg salad items with the identification of "Best if used by 11/7/06" to their location of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with any questions may contact the company at 800-346-7675.