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**Vandervoet & Associates, Inc., Issues Recall for Cantaloupes--HDC Label Due to  
Potential Health Concerns**

Rio Rico, Ariz.— Vandervoet & Associates, Inc. of Rio Rico, AZ announces a voluntary recall of its cantaloupes, HDC label. The melons have the potential to be contaminated with salmonella, a substance which may render them injurious to health.

Absolutely, no illnesses have been reported to date. Healthy persons infected with salmonella may experience fever, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or nausea. Rarely, a salmonella infection can enter the blood stream producing a more serious illness. In the elderly, weak, or infants, salmonella may prove fatal. The Food and Drug Administration recommends that anyone experiencing these symptoms following consumption of this cantaloupe, should seek medical advice.

Approximately 7,400 cartons of cantaloupes were sold and distributed in the United States and Canada between November 9, 2006 and November 15, 2006. The cantaloupes were packed in cardboard cartons with contents of 9 to 23 melons per carton. The melons had a light green cast to the exterior, orange flesh, and firm fruit.

Samples taken on November 9, 2006 by the FDA resulted in the recall. Laboratory tests made by the FDA demonstrated that a portion contained salmonella. Vandervoet & Associates, Inc. initiated the recall on November 17, 2006. Working together with the FDA and other organizations, Vandervoet & Associates is searching to identify all potential sources of contamination, and to eliminate them.

Any consumers who may have purchased HDC cantaloupes are recommended to return them to their point of purchase for a full and complete refund of all expenses. Any consumer who has purchased cantaloupes during the above mentioned time frame may contact the place of purchase to inquire if the store sold the recalled labels. Any consumer with any questions may inquire by communicating with Vandervoet & Associates, at 1-520-281-0454.