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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) 2007-42

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Ground Beef Recall Initiated

Sherman, Texas –Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. is voluntarily recalling retail packages of ground beef produced at its plant in Sherman, Texas, company officials reported today. A sample analyzed by the company was found to contain E. coli O157:H7.

To date, there have been no illnesses reported or associated with any packages of ground beef produced by the Sherman plant. However, the company is conducting the voluntary recall as a precautionary measure. This recall is not related to a recent ground beef recall initiated by a California based meat company.

The action involves 40,440 pounds of ground beef, which is sold in pre-packaged trays that are placed directly into the meat case by the retailer.

The product was produced on June 2. Each package bears the establishment code EST 244S as well as a "use or freeze by" code date of June 13, 2007. Specific products being recalled include:

- 1.5-pound trays of "ANGUS STEAK BURGER ALL NATURAL, 85/15, 6- 1/4 POUND PATTIES."
- 1.33-pound trays of "ANGUS STEAK BURGER ALL NATURAL, 85/15, EXTRA THICK, 4- 1/3 POUND PATTIES."
- 2.25-pound trays of "73/27 ALL NATURAL GROUND BEEF, CARNE MOLIDA DE RES."
- 5.5-pound trays of "73/27 ALL NATURAL GROUND BEEF, CARNE MOLIDA DE RES."

Only one retail customer received the ground beef. This customer, Wal-Mart, Inc., has been contacted, has removed the product from sale and is destroying all of the recalled ground beef still in its possession at its distribution centers and stores. The affected product was distributed to Wal-Mart stores in 12 states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Consumers are reminded that thorough cooking kills harmful bacteria, including E. coli O157:H7. Consumers should only eat ground beef that has been cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 160°F.

Customers with questions may call Tyson at 1-800-233-6332 or Wal-Mart at 1-800-WalMart (1-800-925-6278).