

**CLASS I RECALL**  
**HEALTH RISK: HIGH**

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## **PENNSYLVANIA FIRM RECALLS GROUND BEEF PRODUCTS DUE TO POSSIBLE *E. COLI* O157:H7 CONTAMINATION**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3, 2007 – Cargill Meat Solutions Corp., a Wyalusing, Pa., firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 1,084,384 pounds of ground beef products because they may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: [\[View Labels\]](#)

- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 80/20 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 3-pound packages of “Century Farm 80/20 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Century Farm 80/20 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 85/15 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 3-pound packages of “Century Farm 90/10 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 90/10 Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 90/10 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 93/7 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Century Farm 96/4 Extra Lean Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/31/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Century Farm 85/15 Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date 10/19/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 93/7 Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 80/20 Chuck Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm 80/20 Chuck Ground Beef for Chili.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.

### **PREPARING GROUND BEEF FOR SAFE CONSUMPTION**

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

Wash hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry. Wash cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot, soapy water. Immediately clean spills.

Keep raw meat, fish and poultry away from other food that will not be cooked. Use separate cutting boards for raw meat, poultry and egg products and cooked foods.

Consumers should only eat ground beef or ground beef patties that have been cooked to a safe internal temperature of 160° F.

Color is NOT a reliable indicator that ground beef or ground beef patties have been cooked to a temperature high enough to kill harmful bacteria such as *E. coli* O157:H7.

The only way to be sure ground beef is cooked to a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria is to use a thermometer to measure the internal temperature.

Refrigerate raw meat and poultry within two hours after purchase or one hour if temperatures exceed 90° F. Refrigerate cooked meat and poultry within two hours after cooking.

- 1.3-pound packages of “Century Farm Meatloaf Mix, Beef, Pork and Veal with Natural Flavors.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007, 10/22/2007, 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 1.25- pound packages of “Giant 75/25 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 3-pound packages of “Giant 75/25 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.25-pound packages of “Giant 80/20 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 3-pound packages of “Giant 80/20 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Giant Eagle Ground Chuck Beef Patties 80/20.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/22/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Giant Eagle Ground Beef Patties 92/8.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/22/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Giant Eagle Ground Beef Patties 85/15 – Certified Angus Beef Brand.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/22/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Giant Eagle Ground Round Beef Patties 85/15.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/22/2007.
- 3.0-pound packages of “Shop Rite, 80% Lean 20% Fat, Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 1.3- and 3-pound packages of “Shop Rite, 85% Lean 15% Fat, Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Shop Rite, 93% Lean 7% Fat, Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Shop Rite, 93% Lean 7% Fat, Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Shop Rite, 96% Lean 4% Fat, Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3 - pound packages of “Shop Rite Meat loaf mix Beef, Veal, & Pork with Natural Flavors.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 1.25- pound packages of “Stop & Shop 75/25 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 5- pound packages of “Stop & Shop 75/25 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.25-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 80/20 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 1.25-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 85/15 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.2-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 87/13 Ground Beef Sirloin, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3- and 2.6- pound packages of “Stop & Shop 90/10 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 & 11/03/2007.

- 2.5-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 85/15 Ground Beef Patties, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 80/20 Ground Beef Patties, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 2.6-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 80/20 Ground Beef Patties, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 90/10 Ground Beef Patties, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 2.5-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 90/10 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 2.5-pound packages of “Stop & Shop 93/7 Ground Beef, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Wegmans 80/20 Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Wegmans 90/10 Ground Beef Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/22/2007.
- 3-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats, 73/27 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats, 80/20 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 3-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats, 80/20 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 or 11/03/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 85/15 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 2- and 3-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 85/15 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 2-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 93/7 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 93/7 Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 96/4 Ground Beef Extra Lean.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 90/10 Ground Beef Sirloin Patties.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats Meatloaf Mix, Beef, Pork and Veal with Natural Flavors.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Weis Premium Meats 80/20 Ground Beef for Chili.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Meat Loaf Mix, Made with Beef, Pork, Veal, with Natural Flavors.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/22/2007.
- 1.25-pound packages of “Meatloaf Mix, A Blend of Fresh Ground Beef, Pork & Veal, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.

- Various weight packages of “85/15 Coarse Ground Beef for Chili Meat, All Natural.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007.
- 1.3-pound packages of “Ground Beef Chuck for Chili 80/20.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/19/2007 or 10/22/2007.
- 1.3 pound packages of “Price Rite 85% Lean, 15% Fat Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 11/03/2007.
- 1.3- and 3-pound packages of “Price Rite 80% Lean, 20% Fat Ground Beef.” Each package bears a Use by/freeze by date of 10/31/2007 & 11/03/2007.

Each package or label bears the establishment number “Est. 9400” inside the USDA mark of inspection. As the use/freeze-by dates for products subject to this recall have expired, consumers are urged to look in their freezers for these products and return or discard them if found.

In addition to the above listed products, there are various weights and varieties of ground beef, ground chuck, and ground sirloin product that are distributed for further processing and repackaging and will not bear the recalling firm’s establishment number on the package.

The ground beef products subject to recall were produced between Oct. 8 and 11, 2007, and were distributed to retail establishments nationwide.

The problem was discovered by FSIS through follow-up investigation and sampling after a positive *E. coli* O157:H7 at another federal establishment. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company toll-free hotline at (877) 455-1034. Media with questions about the recall should call company Director of Media Relations for Cargill Lori Fligge at (952) 742-2275.

*E. coli* O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. The very young, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness.

Consumers with food safety questions can “Ask Karen,” the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://AskKaren.gov). The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) 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.

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NOTE: Access news releases and other information at FSIS’ Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis\\_Recalls/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/)

## USDA RECALL CLASSIFICATIONS

**Class I** This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.

**Class II** This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.

**Class III** This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.