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After Inspection, Department of Agriculture Halts Meat Processing at Lafayette County Business

(JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.) - The Missouri Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Inspection Program has temporarily halted all cooked-meat processing for retail and wholesale at Kleoppel Meats d.b.a Alma Meats in Alma, Mo. due to violations identified during an inspection today, Jan. 4, 2012. Members of the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Inspection Program uncovered records indicating that the business operated by Terry Kleoppel sold meat to consumers that had been improperly handled and was not inspected. The Missouri Department of Agriculture is coordinating with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and local health officials on this matter.

As a result, the Lafayette County meat processor is recalling approximately 320 pounds of meat, including summer sausage, snack sticks, beef jerky and roast pork.

Recalled items include:

- "Snack Sticks Pepper Jack Cheese & Jalapeno"- 18.14 pounds
Lot # 2091311 / Produced 11/15/2011
- "Snack Sticks Pepper Jack Cheese" - 18.76 pounds
Lot #'s 2091311 and 2002311 / Produced 11/15/2011 and 11/16/2011
- "Snack Sticks" -25.97 pounds
Lot # 2002311 / Produced 11/16/2011
- "Summer Sausage" - 40.27 pounds
Lot # 2081311 / Produced 11/14/2011
- "Summer Sausage Pepper Jack Cheese" - 21.62 pounds
Lot # 2081311 / Produced 11/14/2011
- "Summer Sausage Pepper Jack Cheese & Jalapenos" - 25.14 pounds
Lot # 2081311 / Produced 11/14/2011
- "Spicy Beef Jerky Ground and Formed "
Lot # 2162311 / Produced 11/21/2011 and 11/22/2011
- "Bold Beef Jerky Ground and Formed"
Lot # 2152311 / Produced 11/21/2011 and 11/22/2011
- "Honey Beef Jerky Ground and Formed"
Lot # 2152311 / Produced 11/21/2011 and 11/22/2011
- "Roasted Whole Hog Meat" - 70.74 pounds
Lot # 1008211 / Produced 11/23/2011

Records also indicate that some of the products above, prepared between Nov. 14, 2011 and Nov. 23, 2011, were sold to Trinity Lutheran School in Alma.

As a result of the violations identified Jan. 4, the business' inspection status for cooked meat products has been temporarily suspended, meaning that meat cannot be processed for retail sale. The investigation by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is ongoing.

Individuals who have conducted business with Alma Meats as well as those who purchased Alma Farm Fresh Meats-labeled products should carefully examine all items processed by the facility. Individuals who purchased products prepared between Nov. 14 and Nov. 23, 2011 should return any unused portion to the business at 100 North County Road in Alma.

Anyone concerned about an illness should contact their health care provider.

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