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TOBOTON CREEK DAIRY VOLUNTARILY RECALLS RETAIL RAW MILK
PRODUCTS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

January 28, 2022—Toboton Creek Dairy of Yelm, WA is voluntarily recalling retail raw whole milk displaying Best By dates of **“2/1” through “2/9” (February 1, 2022 through February 9, 2022)** because it may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* bacteria (*E. coli*) that can cause serious illness.

Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* infections may cause severe diarrhea, stomach cramps and bloody stool. Symptoms generally appear three to four days after exposure, but can take as long as nine days to appear. In some cases, the infection causes hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a serious disease in which red blood cells are destroyed resulting in kidney failure. Infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are especially at risk.

Anyone experiencing these symptoms should immediately contact a health care provider. At this time, there are no known illnesses associated with the recalled product.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) revealed the presence of toxin-producing *E. coli* in retail raw milk dated 2/1 (February 1). The recalled product was bottled in half-gallon containers and was sold via retail stores in Yelm and Olympia, WA as well as on-farm sales. Toboton Creek Dairy and WSDA continue to work jointly to address the source of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased Toboton Creek Dairy retail raw whole milk with Best By dates of **“2/1” through “2/9”** are urged not to drink the product and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 360-894-5691 between the hours of 8AM and 5PM Pacific Time.

Retail raw milk is legal to sell and buy in Washington State, but the potential health risks are serious. Consumers should read the warning label on the retail raw milk container carefully and ask their retailer to verify the milk was produced and processed by a WSDA-licensed operation.

