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OLD SILVANA CREAMERY, LLC VOLUNTARILY RECALLS WHOLE RETAIL RAW MILK BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

December 14, 2017—Old Silvana Creamery, LLC of Arlington, WA is voluntarily recalling whole retail raw milk 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 cow milk dated 12/15. Old Silvana Creamery, LLC and WSDA continue to work jointly to address the source of the problem while conducting additional product testing through the WSDA laboratory as well as Old Silvana Creamery's independent laboratory.

Old Silvana Creamery, LLC retail raw milk displaying Best By dates of **12/15 through 12/23** has been recalled. The recall includes both of the firm's retail raw milk brands, "Jim's Jerseys" and "Guernsey Goodness", which were bottled in half-gallon and one-gallon plastic jugs with orange or green caps. Recalled product was sold at the on-farm store, directly to private customers, and at retail stores in Western Washington.

Consumers who have purchased Old Silvana Creamery retail raw milk with Best By dates of **12/15 through 12/23** 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 425-268-7961 between the hours of 8AM and 5PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

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.



