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COZY VALE CREAMERY VOLUNTARILY ADVISES CONSUMERS TO
DISCONTINUE CONSUMPTION OF SELECT RETAIL RAW MILK AND CREAM
PRODUCTS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

February 20, 2024—Out of an abundance of caution, Cozy Vale Creamery of Tenino, WA is advising consumers to discontinue consumption of their retail raw milk and cream products with the best by dates of **02-18-24** through **02-29-24** and dispose of or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. These products, which were bottled in gallon, half-gallon, quart, and pint containers, were sold to customers, including retail stores, in Western Washington.

The advisory 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 whole milk from **02-05-24** (February 05, 2024). Cozy Vale Creamery and WSDA continue to work jointly to address the source of the problem.

All other production dates are not impacted by this notice. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 360-481-4010 between the hours of 10AM and 5PM.

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.

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