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Jim's Jerseys Raw Milk Voluntarily Recalled Because of Possible Health Risk

Out of an abundance of caution, Old Silvana Creamery of Arlington, WA, is voluntarily recalling their Jim's Jerseys raw milk with the best buy date of 8/23, 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. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact a health care provider.

The infection sometimes causes hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious disease in which red blood cells are destroyed and the kidneys fail. Infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems are especially at risk.

At this time, Old Silvana Creamery does not know of any human illnesses associated with this product.

Old Silvana Creamery routinely has their milk tested by an independent lab, and samples of Jim's Jerseys with the best buy date of 8/23 tested negative for toxin-producing E.coli. However, the sample of Jim's Jerseys with the same best buy date of 8/23 taken by the Washington State Department of Agriculture during their routine testing came back positive for toxin-producing E.coli.

Old Silvana Creamery and WSDA are continuing their investigation into the source of the problem.

Jim's Jerseys raw milk bearing the expiration date of 8/23 has been voluntarily recalled. The milk sold only in ½ gallon and gallon containers. Recalled raw milk was sold to customers in Western Washington via the on-farm store and outside retail stores.

Consumers who have purchased Jim's Jerseys raw milk with the best buy date of 8/23 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 10am to 5pm.

Raw milk is legal to sell and buy in Washington, but there are potential serious health risks. 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.