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DUNGENESS VALLEY CREAMERY VOLUNTARILY RECALLS WHOLE  
RETAIL RAW MILK BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

June 5, 2019— Dungeness Valley Creamery of Sequim, WA is voluntarily recalling retail raw whole milk, skim milk, and cream 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 whole milk dated 06/05. Dungeness Valley Creamery and WSDA continue to work jointly to address the source of the problem.

Dungeness Valley Creamery retail raw whole milk, skim milk, and cream displaying Best By dates of **6/05 through 6/14** has been recalled. The recalled product, which was bottled in gallon, half-gallon, quart, and pint containers, was sold to customers, including retail stores, in Western Washington.

Consumers who have purchased Dungeness Valley Creamery retail raw whole milk, skim milk, and cream with Best By dates of **6/05 through 6/14** 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 360-683-0716 between the hours of 10AM 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.

