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ST. JOHN CREAMERY VOLUNTARILY RECALLS WHOLE RETAIL RAW MILK
BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

September 28, 2021—St. John Creamery of Stanwood, WA is voluntarily recalling whole retail raw goat milk because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* (*L. mono*) that can cause serious illness.

L. mono may cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

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 *L. mono* in retail raw goat milk dated 100321 (October 3). St. John Creamery and WSDA continue to work jointly to address the source of the problem.

St. John Creamery retail raw goat milk displaying Best By dates of **100321 (10/3) through 101121 (10/11)** has been recalled. The recalled product, which was bottled in half-gallon and one-pint containers, was sold at the on-farm store, directly to private customers via drop groups, and at retail stores in Western Washington.

Consumers who have purchased St. John Creamery retail raw milk with Best By dates of **100321 (10/3) through 101121 (10/11)** 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 206-909-5055 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.

