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SCHOONOVER FARMS, LLC VOLUNTARILY RECALLS RETAIL RAW MILK
PRODUCTS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

December 23, 2021—Schoonover Farms, LLC of Odessa, WA is voluntarily recalling retail raw whole 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 cream dated 12-23 (December 23). Schoonover Farms, LLC and WSDA continue to work jointly to address the source of the problem.

Schoonover Farms, LLC retail raw whole milk and cream displaying Best By dates of **“12-23” through “1-2” (December 23, 2021 through January 2, 2022)** have been recalled. The recalled product was bottled in 8-ounce, quart, half-gallon, and one-gallon containers and was sold to local consumers in Odessa, WA as well as retail stores in the Spokane, WA area.

Consumers who have purchased Schoonover Farms, LLC retail raw whole milk and cream with Best By dates of **12-23 through 1-2** 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 509-988-0538 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.

