

Jonathans Sprouts Recalls Alfalfa Sprouts Because Of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 19, 2011 - Jonathans Sprouts of Rochester, MA is recalling its conventional alfalfa sprout products with sell-by date of 4/23 (see list below), as a precaution, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Six products are involved:

- Jonathan's 4oz Alfalfa Sprouts - sell-by 4/23
- Jonathan's 4oz Alfalfa with Radish Sprouts - sell-by 4/23
- Jonathan's 4oz Gourmet Sprouts - sell-by 4/23
- Jonathan's 4oz Alfalfa with Dill Sprouts - sell-by 4/23
- Jonathan's 8oz Alfalfa Sprouts - sell-by 4/23

The product is sold in plastic containers, approximately 4 inches cube. See attached photographs.

- Jonathan's 5lb Bulk Alfalfa in waxed 18"x11" cardboard cartons - code 397

The products containing alfalfa sprouts were distributed in New York, New England, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware.

They are sold at the following stores:

A&P, Grand Union, Stop & Shop, Shaws, Hannaford, Donnelans, Foodmaster, Truccis, Roche Brothers.

Jonathan's organic alfalfa sprouts or any of Jonathan's organic products are not part of this recall.

No illnesses attributed to these products have been reported to date.

The product being recalled was identified through routine sampling as part of the USDA Microbiological Data Program.

Consumers who have purchased Jonathans Sprouts products containing alfalfa sprouts with sell-by date 4/23 are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 508-763-2577.

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