

REVISION OF CHOPPED ROMAINE ARRIVAL DATE

April 19, 2018

There is an outbreak alert of E. coli O157:H7 infections linked to chopped romaine lettuce and chopped lettuce blends containing romaine from Yuma, Arizona. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advises retailers and foodservice operators not to serve or sell chopped romaine from Yuma.

Other growing regions (California, Mexico) are not implicated in this outbreak. No grower/shipper or product brand has been named.

At this time, the advisory only applies to chopped and bagged romaine from Yuma, but does not apply to bulk Romaine.

Consumer health and wellbeing is our highest priority. In accordance with the Foster-Caviness Food Safety protocol, all orders for bagged chopped romaine will be replaced with an equivalent amount of whole head romaine.

For orders of salad mix that contain romaine lettuce, we are shipping product containing processed romaine grown in Mexico.

This week, we move our product sourcing back into California - from Arizona. Availability of chopped romaine grown in California will fill our supply chain. **We expected to have chopped romaine ready for distribution this Saturday – however, due to loading conditions our trucks did not get loaded on schedule. The truck we were counting on making it to our facility late Friday, will now not arrive until late Saturday. As it stands now, Monday, April 23rd, appears to be the first date available to deliver safe chopped romaine to our customers.**

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and keep our customers apprised of any new developments.

Foster-Caviness Food Safety Team



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