



Subject line: HMC Farms Voluntarily Recalls Whole Peaches, Plums and Nectarines Sold in 2022 and 2023 Because of Possible Health Risk

November 17, 2023
URGENT – FOOD RECALL

Dear Valued Customer,

This letter is to inform you that HMC Farms has voluntarily recalled whole peaches, plums, and nectarines shipped to you during the 2022 and/or 2023 crop years, more specifically between May 1 and November 1, 2022, and between May 1 and October 25, 2023, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

The fruit is being recalled because it was packed in a packing facility within the HMC Farms enterprise that has been linked to a *Listeria* outbreak. This recall does not affect fruit packed at other HMC Farms facilities. Our traceability system enables us to accurately identify and distinguish products packed in the linked facility from those packed at other HMC Farms facilities. Upon request, we will separately provide you with precise identification of any affected products you may have received from HMC Farms.

Please carry out the following actions:

- While it is unlikely you still have any of the recalled whole fresh fruit on hand, we ask that you **please check your inventory. If you have the recalled fruit or other products that contain the recalled fruit in inventory, do not distribute or further process them.**
- **If you may have further distributed the fruit, please identify your customers and notify them of this product recall.** Your notification to your customers may be enhanced by including a copy of this recall notification letter.
- Finally, we would appreciate you **completing the attached Recall Return Response Form at your earliest convenience and returning it to recall@hmc farms.com.**

This recall should be carried out to the consumer level. Your assistance is appreciated and necessary to prevent consumer illness. This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

The safety and quality of our products is our top priority. We fully understand that this recall may cause considerable inconvenience. However, in the interest of protecting those who eat our fruit, we are leveraging every means available in our effort to mitigate potential risk, understand the cause, and ensure the safety of our continued operations. Protecting public health, providing excellent customer service and continually improving our food safety and production practices are paramount to our business.

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Our family-owned enterprise is built on a foundation of over 100 years invested in responsible, safe, and ethical farming. The ideals and work ethic that have built our business are fundamental to this process, and we are completely committed to moving forward in a manner that every day earns your confidence and trust, and that of your customers.

Your prompt action will greatly assist us with this recall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your HMC sales representative or email recall@hmc farms.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harold McClarty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Harold McClarty
CEO

Recall Return Response Form attached

**HMC Farms' November 17, 2023 Voluntary Recall of
Whole Peaches, Plums and Nectarines Packed by JM Traver Packing, LP in 2022 and 2023**

Recall Return Response Form

Please check ALL appropriate boxes.

- I have read and understand the recall instructions provided in the November 17, 2023 letter.
- I have checked my stock and have destroyed inventory consisting of _____ <units or cases for each product>.
- I have checked my stock and have no recalled products in inventory.
- I have identified and notified my customers that were shipped or may have been shipped this product (**specify date and method of notification for each customer**);

Have you received any reports of adverse events associated with the recalled product?

Yes NO

If yes, please explain: _____

Please check the appropriate box(es) to describe your business

- food service/restaurant
- grocery corporate headquarters
- institutional (hospitals, schools, prisons, etc.)
- manufacturer
- repacker
- retailer
- wholesaler/distributor
- Other: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Tel. number: (_____) _____

Firm name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO recall@hmc farms.com

Please attach additional pages as necessary to provide a comprehensive response.