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Ag Department Announces Positive Test in Salmonella Investigation (July 19, 2004)

HARRISBURG: Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff today announced that the state Department of Agriculture has confirmed a positive test for *salmonella* in Roma tomatoes distributed by Coronet Foods of West Virginia.

"This morning, the laboratory division of the Bureau of Food Safety confirmed a positive salmonella test result in a unopened bag of Roma tomatoes taken from a Sheetz store in Greencastle," said Wolff. "The tomatoes were distributed by Coronet Foods of West Virginia. We will continue testing other samples collected to help ensure that the outbreak is not linked to other sources."

Wolff added that Sheetz voluntarily pulled all products in question immediately upon notification of a potential problem. The Department of Health will now test the sample to type the strain.

"This test result brings us one step closer to understanding this outbreak," said Joel Hersh, Director of Epidemiology at the Department of Health. "Government agencies can now begin the process of finding out how the tomatoes became infected."

Salmonella is a bacterial infection that usually affects the intestinal tract, causing diarrhea and the threat of dehydration.

Symptoms can include fever, mild or severe diarrhea, nausea, abdominal cramping and occasional vomiting. Infections can be partially serious among the elderly, the frail or the very young and sometimes can be fatal. Salmonella is a common cause of gastroenteritis, with about 2,000 cases reported each year in Pennsylvania.

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF FOOD SAFETY AND LABORATORY SERVICES
COLLECTION AND LABORATORY REPORT

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FI-44

ROUTINE RESAMPLE COMPLAINT Z-FROZEN / C-CHILLED

CHEM. NO. SAMPLE NUMBER 956011

DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLE: TOMATOES, SLICED 24 F50

BRAND: CORONET FOODS COST OF SAMPLE: _____

TYPE CONTAINER: 2 LB PLASTIC TUB

SAMPLED AT: SHRETTZ #116 GREENCASTLE, PA

PERSON INTERVIEWED: LINDA FAITH

TITLE: MANAGER TYPE ESTAB. RT 078224
RT

MANUFACTURER/DISTR. NAME AND ADDRESS: CORONET FOODS, P.O. BOX 6688 WHEELING, WV 26003

MARKS ON PACKAGES OR LABEL: SLICED TOMATOES Code 7/15

ANALYSIS REQUESTED: 712 SALMONELLA

SENDER'S SIGNATURE: _____ ID CODE: S5C DATE COLLECTED: 7/13/04

PERSON DELIVERING SAMPLE: _____ DATE: 7/14/04 PERSON RECEIVING SAMPLE: JMD DATE: 7-14-04 TEMP: 3.9 °C

ANALYTICAL FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS: Salmonella: Positive/25gms

LABORATORIAN'S SIGNATURE: James M. Boyer DATE TESTED: 7-17-04 MO: _____ DAY: _____ YEAR: _____

SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW: _____

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

Phone: (610) 280-3464
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Pa Dept Of Agriculture
State Vet Lab
2305 N Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

<u>Patient Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>County</u>
Heetz #116, <u>Patient Number</u>				U	Franklin

<u>Specimen Source</u>	<u>Test Done</u>	<u>Results</u>
Culture meat slices	ID	Salmonella anatum Salmonella serogroup E1

<u>Lab. No.</u>	<u>Date Collected</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Reported</u>
4E01164		071904	072004

FOOD LABORATORY REPORT

COMPLETE

SHEETZ # 116	Region: 6	Date Collected: 7/13/2004
215 W BALTIMORE STREET	Inspector Code: 956	Date Received: 7/14/2004
GREENCASTLE, PA 17225	Collected by Inspector: MICHAEL A NEFF	Date Reported: 7/29/2004

SAMPLE TYPE: FOOD BORN OUT BREAK		
SAMPLE NUMBER: 956-010	MAYONNAISE	
Type of Test	Result	Test Comments
SALMONELLA	NEG/ 25 GRAMS	

SAMPLE TYPE: FOOD BORN OUT BREAK		
SAMPLE NUMBER: 956-011	TOMATOES ROMA	
Type of Test	Result	Test Comments
SALMONELLA	POS/ 25 GRAMS	ISOLATE WAS IDENTIFIED AS "SALMONELLA ANATUM" BY THE PA DEPT OF HEALTH.

SAMPLE TYPE: FOOD BORN OUT BREAK		
SAMPLE NUMBER: 956-012	LETTUCE LOOSE LEAF	
Type of Test	Result	Test Comments
SALMONELLA	NEG/ 25 GRAMS	

Comments

THESE SAMPLES ARE RELATED TO THE FOODBORNE OUTBREAK FI-44.

James M Douglas 7-29-04
 Supervisor Date

 Chief of Laboratory Division Date



mini VIDAS Report
FOOD SAFETY
Section: B

Completed: 16:17:31 16Jul04
Tech: APR
Salmonella (SLM)
Ver: R5.0.0
Lot#: 050219-1
Standard used:
Completed: 14:49:15 16Jul04
RFV = 3454
Negative < 0.23
Positive >= 0.23

Position: B1
Sample ID: 840-015
Background: 90 RFV: 166
TV: 0.04 Result: Negative

Position: B2
Sample ID: 840-016
Background: 87 RFV: 150
TV: 0.04 Result: Negative

Position: B3
Sample ID: 840-017
Background: 89 RFV: 155
TV: 0.04 Result: Negative

Position: B4
Sample ID: 840-018
Background: 88 RFV: 192
TV: 0.05 Result: Negative

Position: B5
Sample ID: 840-019
Background: 89 RFV: 195
TV: 0.05 Result: Negative

Position: B6
Sample ID: 840-020
Background: 89 RFV: 157
TV: 0.04 Result: Negative

mini VIDAS Report
FOOD SAFETY
Section: A

Completed: 17:18:40 16Jul04
Tech: APR
Salmonella (SLM)
Ver: R5.0.0
Lot#: 050219-1
Standard used:
Completed: 14:49:15 16Jul04
RFV = 3454
TV Negative < 0.23
TV Positive >= 0.23

Position: A1
Sample ID: 956-011
Background: 90 RFV: 10298
TV: 2.98 Result: Positive

Position: A2
Sample ID: 956-012
Background: 88 RFV: 164
TV: 0.04 Result: Negative

Position: A3
Sample ID: 956-020
Background: 89 RFV: 268
TV: 0.07 Result: Negative

Position: A4
Sample ID: 956-021
Background: 87 RFV: 152
TV: 0.04 Result: Negative

Position: A5
Sample ID: 802-001
Background: 86 RFV: 370
TV: 0.10 Result: Negative

Position: A6
Sample ID: 802-002
Background: 84 RFV: 212
TV: 0.06 Result: Negative