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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2019-103

**Growers Express Issues Voluntary Recall of Multiple Fresh Vegetable Products Due to Potential Contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes***

Growers Express takes issues of food safety seriously and is issuing a voluntary recall of select fresh vegetable products in an abundance of caution and in the interest of protecting its customers and end consumers. The fresh vegetable products include packaged varieties of butternut squash, cauliflower, zucchini and a butternut squashed based veggie bowl. Please refer to the detailed chart below for specific product names and retailers.

The products originate from a Growers Express production facility in Biddeford, Maine and were distributed to the states referenced in the chart below. The voluntary recall was issued due to the potential for contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. There are no reported illnesses.

*Listeria* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Most of the affected products are labeled with a "Best If Used By" Date of June 26 – June 29, 2019. No other Growers Express products are impacted or part of this recall. This recall does not affect or include any Green Giant® canned or frozen vegetable products.

"The safety of our consumers is our first priority," said Tom Byrne, President of Growers Express. "We self-reported the need for this recall to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and stopped production immediately after being notified of a single positive sample by the Massachusetts Department of Health. We are deep sanitizing the entire facility and our line equipment, as well as conducting continued testing on top of our usual battery of sanitation and quality and safety tests before resuming production."

Consumers who purchased any of the products listed below from the affected sell by dates or with an unreadable date code are urged not to consume them and to throw the products away.

<b>Retailer/Distributor</b>	<b>Label Description/Brand</b>	<b>Item Name</b>	<b>Package Weight</b>	<b>Item SKU</b>	<b>UPC Number</b>	<b>Lot No.</b>	<b>States Affected</b>	<b>Best By</b>
Big Y Foods	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Sweet Potato	1 lb.	MXC100101	605806000515	190612-403102	MA	6/28/2019

Retailer/Distributor	Label Description/Brand	Item Name	Package Weight	Item SKU	UPC Number	Lot No.	States Affected	Best By
		Crumbles						
	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Crumbles "Fried Rice" Blend	1 lb.	MXC101101	605806000744	190612-403101		6/28/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Butternut Diced	12 oz.	BNC101101	605806138010	190614-403545		6/26/2019
Bozzutos	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Sweet Potato Crumbles	1 lb.	MXC100101	605806000515	190612-403102	CT	6/28/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Crumbles "Fried Rice" Blend	1 lb.	MXC101101	605806000744	190612-403101		6/28/2019
C&S	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Crumbles "Fried Rice" Blend	1 lb.	MXC101101	605806000744	190612-403101	MA	6/28/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Butternut Diced	12 oz.	BNC101101	605806138010	190614-403545		6/26/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Butternut Cubed	2 lb.	BNC102101	605806138218	190614-403576		6/26/2019
Food Lion	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Crumbles "Fried	1 lb.	MXC101101	605806000744	190612-403101	SC, NC, PA, VA	6/28/2019

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		Rice" Blend						
Four Seasons	Green Giant Fresh	Ramen Bowl	7.4 oz.	MXC183104	605806027864	190614-403534	PA	6/28/2019
Native Maine	Growers Express	Butternut Peeled	10 lb.	BNC103103	Foodservice	190614-403578	PA	Pack Date Only
Procacci	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Sweet Potato Crumbles	1 lb.	MXC100101	605806000515	190612-403102	PA	6/28/2019
Ruby Robinson (PFG)	Growers Express	Butternut Peeled	10 lb.	BNC103102	Foodservice	190614-403577	ME	Pack Date Only
Shaws	Signature Farms	Cauliflower Crumbles	1 lb.	CAC101109	2113098438	190612-403100	MA, ME, NH, RI, VT	6/28/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Cauliflower Sweet Potato Crumbles	1 lb.	MXC100101	605806000515	190612-403102		6/28/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Ramen Bowl	7.4 oz.	MXC183104	605806027864	190614-403534		6/28/2019
	Green Giant Fresh	Butternut Diced	12 oz.	BNC101101	605806138010	190614-403545		6/26/2019
Stop & Shop	Green Giant Fresh	Zucchini Noodles	10.5 oz.	MSC104102	605806000881	190614-403567	NY, MD	6/26/2019

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	Green Giant Fresh		10.5 oz.			190617-403954		6/29/2019
Trader Joe's	Trader Joe's	Butternut Squash Spirals	10.5 oz.	BCN105106	623391	190614-403565	AL, CT, D.C., DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN (only Knoxville, Nashville), VA, VT, WI	6/28/2019
	Trader Joe's	Zucchini Spirals	10.5 oz.	MSC104106	634908	190617-403814	AL, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, OH, SC, TN (only Knoxville, Nashville), VA (only Glen Allen, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg), WI	6/27/2019

Customers also have been notified to remove any remaining products from shelves and inventory. Please refer to the toll-free number listed on each package with any questions or requests for refund. Visit [www.GrowersExpress.com/voluntaryrecall](http://www.GrowersExpress.com/voluntaryrecall) for the most up-to-date information.

For over three decades, Growers Express has been committed to rigorous agricultural standards to ensure all vegetable products are the most wholesome and highest quality fresh vegetables available.

## About Growers Express

Founded in 1987, Growers Express, LLC (GE) is an innovator of premium-quality fresh "value added" vegetable products, including first-to-market innovations such as Cauliflower Crumbles® chopped cauliflower, vegetable noodles and Veggie Bowls. Located in Salinas, California, also referred to as the "salad bowl of the world," Growers Express is the primary licensed partner of Green Giant™ Fresh, the exclusive fresh produce arm of the iconic Green Giant® brand.