

## Topps Meat Co. recall expanded to 21.7 million pounds, Food Lion Milk Recalled

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One of the largest meat recalls in U.S. history was enacted today.

Topps Meat Co. expanded its recall of ground beef from about 300,000 pounds to 21.7 million pounds. The patties may be contaminated with E. coli 0157:H7. The bacterium can cause severe diarrhea and cramps, as well as other complications. 25 illnesses are currently under investigation in Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Maine, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania- but that doesn't mean it couldn't happen in North Carolina. Ground beef products being recalled have a "sell by date" or a "best if used by date" between September 25, 2007 and September 25, 2008. The packages also have the marking Est. 9748 inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products, all ground beef patties and hamburgers with various brand names, were distributed mainly in the northeastern United States- but did go to retailers in many other areas nationwide.

Food Lion has issued a separate recall: milk quarts. The grocery chain has pulled three types of milk from the shelves after customers complained that it spoiled before the expiration date. Milk involved in the recall had expiration dates of November 3, November 4, November 9 or November 10. UPC code and item numbers are as follows:

Whole Milk: UPC code 3582600306 and item number 64286-8

2 percent milk: UPC code 3582602434 and item number 64287-6

Skim milk: UPC code 2582604059 and item number 64289-2