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**Growers Express Expands Voluntary Recall of Select Fresh Vegetable Products Due to Potential Contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes***

**SALINAS, CALIF. (July 15, 2019)** – Growers Express takes issues of food safety seriously and in an abundance of caution and in the interest of protecting consumers is expanding the list of select fresh vegetable products affected by a voluntary recall that was issued on July 1, 2019. After further testing of an additional product lot from the suspected source of the recall, a single retail sample was found to be positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The company has expanded the list of recalled products to include certain specific fresh Brussels sprouts, fresh cauliflower florets and fresh green beans products with the “best by” or “pack dates” identified in the chart below.

The products originated from a Growers Express production facility in Biddeford, Maine and were distributed to the states of Massachusetts and Maine. Growers Express is no longer sourcing vegetables from the suspected cause of the contamination. There are no reported illnesses to date.

*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.

No other Growers Express products are impacted or part of this expansion. This recall **does not** affect or include any Green Giant® canned or frozen vegetable products.

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

Retailer/Distributor	Brand/Label Description	Item Name	Package Weight	Item SKU	UPC	Lot No.	States Affected	Best By/Pack Date
Big Y	Green Giant Fresh	Brussels Sprouts	2 lb	BSC100103	605806028076	190628-405839	MA	Pack Date 6/28/2019
Native Maine	Growers Express	Cauliflower Florets	3 lb	CAC102102	Foodservice	190627-405616	ME	Best By 7/11/2019
Ruby Robinson (PFG)	Peak	Green Beans	5 lb	BGC101105	Foodservice	190625-405265	ME	Pack Date 6/25/2019
		Cauliflower Florets	3 lb	CAC102105	Foodservice	190628-405842	ME	Pack Date 6/28/2019

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.

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