



Notice of CDC Food Safety Advisory

November 23, 2019

To our customers:

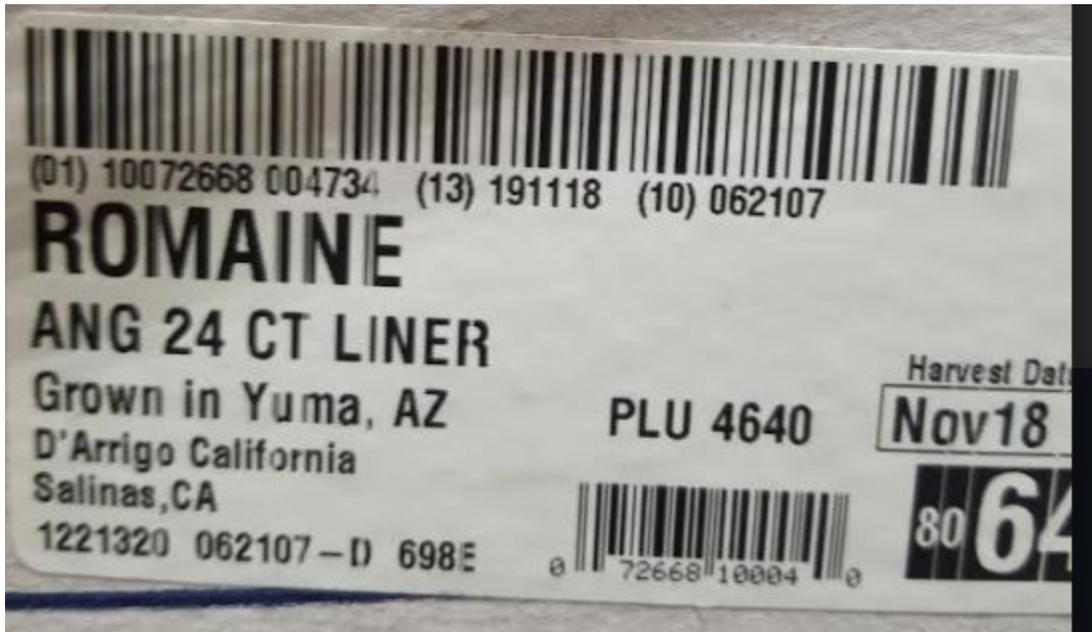
UPDATE: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a food safety advisory Friday, November 22, 2019, notifying consumers to not eat romaine lettuce in any form.

- **There is no recall on romaine lettuce.** The FDA/CDC **advisory alerts** consumers not to consume romaine products grown in Salinas and distributors, foodservice operators, and retailers not to ship, sell, or serve the affected products.
- The advisory only applies to romaine products harvested in the Salinas growing region. All other growing regions in California, Arizona, Mexico, or anywhere else are not subject to this advisory, and neither are products grown indoors.
- The provenance labeling on Romaine cartons and packages uses terms like "Romaine-Salinas," "Grown in Salinas," "Harvested in Salinas," or similar language. The provenance labeling allows you to determine if a particular product is subject to this advisory. Some companies' packaging may also include a headquarters address in Salinas, but that is different from the provenance label and has no bearing on the advisory.
- The E. coli outbreak that is linked to the consumption of Romaine from the Salinas region has grown to 40 cases in 16 states (up from 17 cases in 8 states). The states with reported illnesses are: AZ, CA, CO, ID, IL, MD, MI, MN, MT, NJ, NM, OH, PA, VA, WA, WI, and WI. The range of illness onsets is from Sep 24 to Nov 10.

We will continue to monitor this situation and update you as new information becomes available.

If you have questions, please contact our Food Safety Department Director Terreca Bates-Wells at (225) 408-3524 or by email at tbates-wells@ccpfresh.com. The detailed CDC advisory can be read at [CDC Romaine Advisory](#).

Provenance Labeling. White sticker located on packaging notates if product is subject to the advisory. Example below of product **not affected** by the advisory. "GROWN IN YUMA, AZ"



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