

In 2006, 109 cases of illness due to E. coli infection were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including 16 cases of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) and one death. Recalls of fresh spinach were announced in 19 states, and the affected products were shipped to Canada and Mexico as well.

2/14/13 Taylor Farms Retail Inc. [voluntarily recalled Organic Baby Spinach products due to possible contamination](#) with [Enterohemorrhagic E. coli \(EHEC\)](#), a bacteria that [can cause severe infection](#) leading to abdominal cramps, vomiting and [\(sometimes hemorrhagic\)](#) diarrhea.

EHEC can [also lead](#) to a [sometimes fatal disease](#) known as Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome, which causes [kidney failure and nervous system problems](#), especially [in children and the elderly](#).

The recalled spinach was sold in [the following 39 states](#) across the country. An outbreak of EHEC in 2011 [infected over 1,100 people in Germany](#), causing six deaths, according to the World Health Organization. This isn't the first (or even the second) time Taylor Farms has had to recall its spinach after selling it to supermarkets. Last year the company voluntarily recalled its Organic Baby Spinach [after a test by the USDA found there was a potential of salmonella contamination](#).

And in 2011 it was [forced to recall over 3,200 bags of salad greens, also because of potential salmonella contamination](#), after an inspector with the Washington Department of Agriculture conducted a random test on a bag of spinach.

Approximately 300 people in England and Scotland were sickened in an outbreak of Cryptosporidium in May of 2012, The parasite that caused the outbreak is thought to have originated in ready-to-eat bagged salad mixes, said England's Health Protection Agency . <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/03/cryptosporidium-outbreak-sickened-300-in-england-last-year/#.UoOusIT754s>

On Sept 24th, 2013 Three brands of bagged spinach — Frisco's, Queen Victoria and Metro — have been [recalled](#) in Canada by Ippolito Fruit and Produce Ltd. because they may be contaminated with Salmonella. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/09/multiple-spinach-brands-recalled-in-canada-for-salmonella-contamination/#.UoOt2iT754s>

On Nov 10th, 90 tons of ready to eat salads and sandwiches containing chicken and ham were recalled by a California company. It was announced that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been investigating an outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 which has infected [at least 26 patients](#) in California, Washington and Arizona. Based on epidemiological information, 15 of them reported consuming pre-packaged salads prior to illness onset, and a traceback investigation determined Glass Onion Catering was the supplier of the products implicated in the outbreak. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/26-with-e-coli-o157h7-in-california-washington-and-arizona-linked-to-salads-and-wraps/#.UoOtdiT754s>

Here's what a quick check uncovered on the FDA's website for food warnings in the last 30 days:

- 11/12/13 Artichoke Wheatberry Salad - Whole Foods: Escherichia coli bacteria
- 11/10/13 Ready to eat salads and wraps - Athertone Foods: Escherichia coli bacteria
- 11/07/13 Multiple Refrigerated Ready-to-eat Products - Chef's Kitchen: Listeria

11/03/13 Multiple Refrigerated Ready-to-eat Products - Block & Barrel : Listeria  
11/01/13 Mexicali Dip - Dutch Treat Salads: Listeria  
11/01/13 Slaw, Salad & combo meals: Listeria  
10/30/13 Garden Fresh, Archer Farms, Market Pantry and more: Listeria  
10/28/13 Various Salad Products - Shaw's Super Valu and more: Listeria  
10/28/13 Spinach antipasti salad - Taylor Farms: Listeria  
10/26/13 Multiple Refrigerated Ready-to-eat Products- Chef Solutions, Mrs Weaver's Reser's and more: Listeria  
10/25/13 Salad and Slaw kits - Price Chopper, Trucchi's, Shaw's and more: Listeria  
10/23/13 Prepared Salads - Boston Salads, Rachael's Gourmet, Dietz and Watson, Costa Fruit Fresh: Listeria  
10/22/13 Chef Solutions, Mrs Weaver's, Reser's and more: Listeria  
10/17/13 Turmeric Powder - PRAN: Elevated Levels of Lead  
10/05/13 Red and Green Bell Peppers - OC Harvest: Salmonella