

EPI Update for Monday, June 9, 2008
Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology
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Supplement

- **Salmonellosis outbreak linked to consumption of certain raw red plum, red Roma, and red round tomatoes**

- **Flood watches and warnings have been posted across Iowa**

Salmonellosis outbreak linked to consumption of certain raw red plum, red Roma, and red round tomatoes

The Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers nationwide that a salmonellosis outbreak has been linked to consumption of **certain** raw red plum, red Roma, and red round tomatoes, and products containing these raw, red tomatoes.

FDA recommends that consumers not eat raw red Roma, raw red plum, raw red round tomatoes, or products that contain these types of raw red tomatoes **unless** the tomatoes are from the sources listed below. If unsure of where tomatoes are grown or harvested, consumers are encouraged to contact the store where the tomato purchase was made. Consumers should continue to eat cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, and tomatoes sold with the vine still attached, or tomatoes grown at home.

On June 5, using trace back and other distribution pattern information, FDA published a list of states, territories, and countries where tomatoes are grown and harvested which **have not been associated with this outbreak**. This updated list includes: Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Israel, Netherlands, and Puerto Rico. For more information about the list visit: www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/tomatoes.html#retailers.

For more information about the outbreak visit:

www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01848.html

www.cdc.gov/salmonella/saintpaul/

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Flood watches and warnings have been posted across Iowa as heavy rains and severe weather has caused rivers, streams and creeks to rise. How do you cleanup your basement or home from flood water? What about mold? IDPH urges Iowans to protect themselves against flood-related diseases and injuries. Flood-related disease precautions, links and resources contain a variety of health

and environmental precautions are located at www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/flood.asp. For any additional questions contact the Iowa Department of Public Health at 515-281-7689

Have a healthy and happy week! And hope you can keep dry!

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