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St. Mary's Meats Issues a Voluntary Recall

SWANTON, Ohio (Dec. 18, 2017) – St. Mary's Meats of Swanton, OH announces a voluntary recall of approximately 16,512 pounds of bacon that was produced utilizing a process that failed to maintain the necessary support for food safety.

The products subject to recall include:

- Smoked Bacon
- Smoked Bacon Ends and Pieces
- Smoked Pork Sliced Bacon
- Smoked Pork Sliced Bacon Ends and Pieces

Images of the labels for products subject to this recall are available [here](#).

The bacon products involved in the recall were from swine harvested at the facility and produced from December 15, 2015 – December 15, 2017. The bacon is packaged in clear plastic and overwrapped with white freezer paper in quantities of 1 pound and 1 ¼ pounds. The labeling on the package may consist of either a printed scale sticker or red tape with a black ink stamp. The bacon end and pieces products will be marked with the words “Ends and Pieces” in black ink added to the printed scale sticker or the red tape with black ink stamp. The products bear the establishment number EST. 171 inside the Ohio mark of inspection as part of either the printed scale sticker or the red tape. The bacon was sold directly from the processing location at St. Mary's Meats and at some area farmers' markets.

This recall does not involve bacon products that contain a label displaying the product name “Sliced Bacon”. Images of the label for the Sliced Bacon product not subject to recall are available [here](#).

The problem was discovered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Division of Meat Inspection during an in-plant inspection. Inspection personnel reviewed all procedures and determined the affected bacon products did not contain a cure accelerator and failed to have an appropriate level of the curing agent sodium nitrite as required in production of these products.

ODA and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

St. Mary's Meats urges customers that have purchased these products not to consume them. These products should be discarded or returned to the company.

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