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02 Possible Raw Milk Contamination Linked to Illnesses

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Raw goat milk has been identified as the potential source of Cryptosporidiosis infections in two Canyon County residents. The goat milk was produced on or after August 24th by Treasured Sunrise Acres in Parma and was sold in Idaho stores in Boise, Caldwell, Ketchum, and Star. Treasured Sunrise Acres Dairy, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and local and state public health officials are recommending that anyone who purchased any raw milk (goat or cow) during this time should discard it immediately.

Cryptosporidiosis, or Crypto, is a microscopic parasite causing a diarrheal illness. Common symptoms include: diarrhea, stomach cramps or pain, dehydration (which is often most serious in the very young and the very old), nausea, vomiting, fever and weight loss. Symptoms usually begin 2 to 10 days after infection and normally last for one to two weeks. Once a person is infected, the parasites live in the intestines and are passed in the stool.

Those who have consumed the raw milk product and are experiencing symptoms are advised to consult their health care provider for testing, symptom management, and treatment, if necessary.

According to the Treasured Sunrise Acres website, products may have been distributed at the following stores:

Boise: Boise Co-op

Caldwell: Caldwell Meats and Sea Food
Cliff's Country Market

Ketchum: NourishMe

Parma: Treasured Sunrise Dairy

Star: Down to Earth Health Food

Some product may also have been sold at farmers' markets.

More information about Cryptosporidium (Crypto) is available at http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/gen_info/infect.html.

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