

Cluster of *Campylobacter* infections possibly associated with Claravale Farm brand raw milk, March 5, 2015

The Food and Drug Branch (FDB) is coordinating with the Infectious Diseases Branch (IDB) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) on an investigation of *Campylobacter* infections possibly associated with Claravale Farm brand raw milk consumption. *Campylobacter* is a type of bacteria that is a relatively common cause of gastrointestinal illness.

On March 4, 2015, IDB received notification from Santa Cruz County regarding three patients with *Campylobacter* infection. All three patients are adults with onsets of illness between February 16 and 23, 2015. All three reported consuming Claravale Farm brand raw milk from different local markets prior to illness onset. None were hospitalized. Enhanced surveillance for additional case-patients is ongoing.

FDB Emergency Response Unit (ERU) collected nine bottles of Claravale Farm raw milk from retail locations in Berkeley, Davis, and Sacramento on March 4, 2015. These samples have been submitted to the Food and Drug Laboratory Branch (FDLB) for testing. FDB ERU initiated an investigation at Claravale Farm in Paicines, CA on March 5, 2015. The team is collecting environmental samples including swabs, finished product, and cow feces. These samples will also be evaluated by FDLB for *Campylobacter*.

Further regulatory actions regarding Claravale Farm raw milk in the marketplace will be dependent on the findings of the environmental investigation.