



Hello,

As you may have heard or seen on the news, Rastelli Foods Group has voluntarily issued a Class II recall of our Nature's Ranchers Ground Beef products. This level of recall is deemed a low health risk by the USDA, and though neither our internal investigative team nor the USDA's team could find the root cause of the plastic contamination, we as a group have decided to remove all Nature's Rancher Ground Beef from shelves at the impacted retail locations.

This plastic contamination was an isolated incident, that impacted a single proprietary product on a single proprietary production line. We have examined all other ground beef operations under our control and have found no cause for concern.

While we regret this recall, and take full responsibility for the safety of our consumers, we are grateful that this contamination was brought to our attention and that there have been no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

The impacted products are:

- 16-oz vacuum sealed packages containing "Nature's Rancher 100% Grass Fed Organic Ground Beef 85% Lean, 15% Fat"
- 16-oz vacuum sealed packages containing "Nature's Rancher 100% Grass Fed Organic Ground Beef 93% Lean, 7% Fat"

Both with use or freeze by dates of 10/24/19, 10/31/19, 11/04/19, 11/07/19.

In the 43 years we've been in business, our family has never experienced a recall of any product we manufacture. We lead our entire business with a focus on food safety first, above all else. We will continue to strive to provide the best products to our customers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [rastellis@baltzco.com](mailto:rastellis@baltzco.com)

Thank you,

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