



## Yavapai County

Our Mission: "Yavapai County will serve and protect its citizens through efficient management of all its resources to enhance the lives of those we serve."



**For Immediate Release**

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### **Sofia Produce, LLC DBA Trufresh Recalls Fresh Cantaloupe Because of Possible Health Risk Due to Salmonella**

**SOFIA PRODUCE, LLC, of Nogales, Arizona** which does business under the name "Trufresh" ("Trufresh") is recalling all sizes of fresh cantaloupes packaged in cardboard containers labeled with the "Malichita" label, sold under the following sales order numbers between October 16, 2023 and October 23, 2023 because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*:

*Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The Cantaloupes were distributed directly to the following States in the United States: Arizona, California, Maryland, New Jersey, Tennessee, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida and Canada. The Cantaloupes would have reached consumers through retail produce markets which may be located in states other than those listed above.

The Cantaloupes are packaged in cardboard containers bearing the "Malichita" Label (picture attached). The cantaloupes also have an individual PLU sticker placed upon each cantaloupe in the form of the attached picture. As shown in the picture, the PLU sticker has a top half which is white which has the word "Malichita" written in script in black letters. The bottom of the PLU sticker is black and has the number "4050" prominently displayed in white letters together with the words "Product of Mexico/produit du Mexique". This label will identify individual Malichita cantaloupes purchased by consumers.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with the subject cantaloupes, to date.

Trufresh is performing this recall after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency announced a similar recall of cantaloupes packaged with the same Malichita label and bearing the same PLU due to possible *salmonella* contamination for cantaloupes sold to Fruits et Légumes Gaétan Bono. The Canadian Food inspection Agency Announcement can be found here: <https://recalls-rappels.canada.ca/en/alert-recall/malichita-brand-cantaloupes-recalled-due-salmonella> [External Link Disclaimer](#) . Trufresh's investigation has revealed that the above-listed order numbers may have been associated with the cantaloupes sold to Fruits et Légumes Gaétan Bono.

Consumers should take the following actions:

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1090 Commerce Drive \* Prescott, AZ 86305-3700 (928) 771-3122 (928) 771-3369 FAX  
3212 N. Windsong Drive, Second Floor \* Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 (928) 771-3377 (928) 771-3379 FAX  
10 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street \* Cottonwood, AZ 86326 (928) 639-8130 (928) 639-8179 FAX

- Check to see if you have recalled products
- Do not consume, serve, use, sell, or distribute recalled products
- Recalled products should be thrown out or returned to the location where they were purchased
- Consumers who are unsure if they have purchased the recalled product are advised to contact their retailer.
- If you think you became sick from consuming a recalled product, contact your healthcare provider

#### Information for Buyers:

- Trufresh is contacting each of the individual buyers under the foregoing orders to advise them of the recall. If the buyers associated with the above sales order numbers have not already been contacted by Trufresh, they should contact Trufresh at the number below.
- Buyers associated with the above sales order numbers should remove any remaining product from their sales inventory.
- The Buyers should then dispose of the product and retain their records of disposal.
- Order Numbers: 0128556, 0128624, 0128630, 0128632, 0128640, 0128643, 0128644, 0128646, 0128648, 0128651, -0128656, 0128669, 0128680, 0128682, 0128683, 0128700, 0225200, 0225201, 0225206, 0225214, 0225219, 0225222, 0225226, 0225227, 0225228, 0419611, 0419629, 0419630, 0419636, 0419671, 0419688, 0419693, 0419696, 0419697, 0419704, 0419710, 0419718, 0419772, 0516255, 0516268, 0516271, 0516279, 0516301, 0612143, 0612144, 0612148, 0612154, 0612156, 0612158, 0612171, 0612190, 0612191, 0612197, 0612198, 0612209, 0612225

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products may obtain additional information by contacting Rafael Roiz, Tru Fresh's representative Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time at (520) 394-7370.



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