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**M&L Farms, LLC Issues a Voluntary Recall**

GROVE CITY, Ohio (July 4, 2017) – M&L Farms, LLC of Grove City, OH announces a voluntary recall of approximately 383 beef, goat, and lamb carcasses with offal that were produced with a non-potable water supply that failed to meet the Ohio Department of Health’s requirements in the Ohio Administrative Code for a private water system.

The products subject to recall include:

- Whole goat carcasses with heart and liver stamped with the 1 ¾” Ohio mark of inspection bearing establishment number EST. 39.
- Whole lamb carcasses with heart and liver stamped with the 1 ¼” Ohio mark of inspection bearing establishment number EST. 39.
- Quartered beef carcasses with heart, liver, and tongue stamped with the 1 ¾” Ohio mark of inspection bearing establishment number EST. 39.

The beef, goat, and lamb carcasses with offal were harvested between June 15, 2017 and June 29, 2017. These carcasses were sold to the following retail markets in Ohio for further processing and distribution. Consumers should check with their local retailer to determine whether they may have purchased any of the products subject to recall.

- Al Safa Halal Meats located at 4109 Trabue Rd, Columbus, Ohio
- Casablanca Market located at 5410 Roberts Rd, Hilliard, Ohio
- Al-Mustafa Market and Bakery located at 5435 Bethel Sawmill Ctr, Columbus, Ohio
- Albasha Market and Bakery located at 1897 Hilliard Rome Rd, Hilliard, Ohio
- Yaffa Market located at 2832 Colonel Glen Hwy, Fairborn, Ohio
- Jerusalem Food and Bakery located at 300 Northland Blvd, Cincinnati, Ohio
- West Town Market located at 3645 W. 117<sup>th</sup> St, Cleveland, Ohio
- Olive Tree Food Corp located at 27189 Brookpark Rd, North Olmstead, Ohio

The problem was discovered during a routine verification visit conducted by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Division of Meat Inspection personnel at the facility on July 3, 2017. ODA inspection personnel observed results from a water sample collected on June 13, 2017 that was analyzed at a private laboratory indicating a positive total coliform bacteria count but the level was not quantified. The sample was negative for *E.coli*, however without a quantified level of total coliforms present, ODA must consider the water supply to exceed the regulatory limit and be non-potable. Therefore, the non-potable water supply resulted in the creation of insanitary conditions and direct product contamination leading to adulteration of the carcasses harvested in the facility during this time period.

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.

M&L Farms, LLC urges customers that have purchased these products not to consume them. These products should be discarded or returned to the place of purchase.