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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2008-78

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Ray's Sausage Co., Inc. Expands Product Recall for Potential Product Contamination

CLEVELAND – Ray's Sausage Co., Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio today expands its product recall to include additional markets in the greater Cleveland and Akron areas. Yesterday, the company issued a voluntary recall of approximately 7,488 pounds of beef and pork breakfast sausage due to potential product contamination with a small metal fragment. No injuries or illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

In addition to Dave's Supermarkets in Cleveland and Akron, and Giant Eagle grocery stores in Cleveland, Ray's breakfast sausage products were distributed to the following Cleveland locations:

- Miles Supermarkets
- In & Out Drive Thru stores
- East 66th Street Meats
- Dairy Marts
- Family Foods
- BiRite Foods
- Zagara's
- Eastside Markets
- Westside Markets
- Union Markets
- Kinsmen Markets
- Euclid Markets
- Square Deal Foods

The products subject to recall include 16 ounce package rolls of:

- Ray's Mild Breakfast Sausage Made with Beef
- Ray's Hot Breakfast Sausage Made with Beef
- Ray's Country Brand Mild Pork Sausage
- Ray's Country Brand Hot Pork Sausage

These products are packaged in roll-style plastic wrap and can be identified by "Sell by Dates" located on the seam of the package. Products affected include those stamped with "Sell by Dates" from October 6, 2008 through December 10, 2008. These products were sold from August 7, 2008 to October 30, 2008.

The recall was the result of a consumer complaint filed with the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Because of potential product contamination, Ray's Sausage Co., Inc. urges consumers who have purchased the suspect products not to eat them and to return them to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact Ray's Sausage Co., Inc. at 216-921-878