

Health alert issued over stolen beef

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A public health alert was issued Thursday after 14,800 pounds of ground beef that may be contaminated with E.coli was reported stolen in Texas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said the ground beef products were produced by Texas American Food Service Corporation doing business as American Fresh Foods.

The health alert was initiated after a trailer containing the products was reported stolen, FSIS said in a release.

The agency said each package of meat label bears the establishment number "EST. 13116" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the company name "American Fresh Foods, Ft. Worth, TX 76102" below the nutrition information. Each package has a net weight of approximately 1 to 2 pounds.

The consumer and bulk ground beef products were produced on Dec. 19, 2007.

Consumers and media with questions about the public health alert should contact the company's consumer toll-free hotline at 1-800-724-1136.

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