

November 18, 2024

Grimmway Farms has issued a voluntary recall on select organic whole and baby peeled carrots, including Cal-Organic and Bunny-Luv Organic brand product purchased by Four Seasons Produce and shipped to customers during late August, September, and October of 2024. While none of the recalled product has been shipped during recent weeks and it is unlikely any of the recalled product remains in stores based on the dates provided below, customers should review their inventory and backrooms based on the timelines below. Impacted customers have been sent notification of the Grimmway Farms organic carrot recall as well as the Recall Questionnaire Form which must be completed per the FDA and returned to Four Seasons Produce.

Four Seasons Produce lot trace and track has been completed for the following lots involved in Grimmway Farms' organic carrot recall and customer have been notified:

40441 OG Carrots Baby Peeled 30/1 lb: Shipped between 8/24/24 through 10/18/24; with best by dates ranging from 9/11/24 through 11/12/24. 40443 OG Carrots Baby Peeled 15/2 lb: Shipped between 8/23/24 through 10/21/24; with best by dates ranging from 9/11/24 through 11/12/24.

40571 OG Carrots 48/1 lb: Shipped between 8/22/24 through 10/12/24 40595 OG Carrots 24/2 lb: Shipped between 8/24/24 through 10/12/24 40624 OG Carrots 10/5 lb: Shipped between 8/21/24 through 10/19/24 40611 OG Carrots Table CA 25 lb: Shipped between 8/21/24 through 10/17/24 40615 OG Carrots JBO CA 25 lb: Shipped between 8/23/24 through 10/25/24

Current lots of Grimmway Farms organic carrots are cleared to distribute and sell. Bolthouse Farms is not involved in this organic carrot recall. Please contact your rep with any additional questions.

- Four Seasons Produce



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Consumers may call: 1-800-301-3101, M-F, 8am – 8pm ET (and Nov. 16-17, 2024, 8am – 8pm ET) Media contact: Dana Brennan, 661-855-8985, <u>dbrennan@grimmway.com</u> **Photo assets related to this release can be found** <u>here</u>.

#### GRIMMWAY FARMS RECALLS ORGANIC WHOLE AND SELECT ORGANIC BABY CARROTS THAT MAY BE IN CONSUMERS' HOMES DUE TO POTENTIAL E. COLI CONTAMINATION

**(Bakersfield, Calif.)** November 16, 2024 – Grimmway Farms has issued a recall of select organic whole carrots and organic baby carrots that should no longer be in grocery stores but may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers.

These products may have been contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O121:H19. *E. coli* O121:H19 is a bacterium that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people, and those with a weakened immune system. Some infections can cause severe bloody diarrhea conditions, such as a hemolytic uremic syndrome, or the development of high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, and neurologic problems. Symptoms include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea, fever, nausea, and/or vomiting. The incubation period for *E. coli* O121:H19 in humans can range from 24 hours to as much as ten days. The average incubation period is 3 to 4 days.

The following recalled products were shipped directly to retail distribution centers nationwide in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada:

- Organic whole carrots, which do not have a best-if-used-by date printed on the bag, but were available for purchase at retail stores from August 14 through October 23, 2024,
- Organic baby carrots with best-if-used-by-dates ranging from September 11 through November 12, 2024.

The recalled carrots should not be available for purchase in stores but may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers.

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| November 16, 2024, Grimmway Farms Firm-Initiated Recall                           |                            |                                         |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--|--|
| Product photos will be posted in our recall notice on our website at grimmway.com |                            |                                         |  |  |
| Organic WHOLE Carrots                                                             |                            |                                         |  |  |
| available for purchase at retail from August 14 through October 23, 2024          |                            |                                         |  |  |
| Label                                                                             | Bag Sizes                  |                                         |  |  |
| 365                                                                               | 1lb, 2lb, 5lb              |                                         |  |  |
| Bunny Luv                                                                         | 1lb, 2lb, 5lb, 10lb, 25lb  | All of these organic whole carrots were |  |  |
| Cal-Organic                                                                       | 11b, 21b, 51b, 61b, 101b,  | available for purchase at retail stores |  |  |
|                                                                                   | 25lb                       | from August 14 through October 23,      |  |  |
| Compliments                                                                       | 2lb                        | fioni August 14 thiough October 23,     |  |  |
| Full Circle                                                                       | 1lb, 2lb, 5lb              | 2024. No best-if-used-by-dates are on   |  |  |
| Good & Gather                                                                     | 2lb                        | the bags of organic whole carrots.      |  |  |
| GreenWise                                                                         | 11b, 25lbs                 |                                         |  |  |
| Marketside                                                                        | 2lb                        |                                         |  |  |
| Nature's Promise                                                                  | 1lb, 5lb                   |                                         |  |  |
| O Organics                                                                        | 11b, 21b, 51b, 101b        |                                         |  |  |
| President's Choice                                                                | 2lb                        |                                         |  |  |
| Simple Truth                                                                      | 11b, 21b, 51b              |                                         |  |  |
| Trader Joe's                                                                      | 11b                        |                                         |  |  |
| Wegmans                                                                           | 11b, 21b, 51b              |                                         |  |  |
| Wholesome Pantry                                                                  | 1lb, 2lb, 5lb              |                                         |  |  |
| Organic <i>BAB</i>                                                                | V (cut and neeled) carrots | with specific best-if-used-by dates     |  |  |

#### Organic *BABY* (cut and peeled) carrots with specific best-if-used-by dates

| Label              | Bag Sizes                | Best-if-Used-by-Dates are printed on |           |  |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|
|                    | -                        | the bag                              |           |  |
|                    |                          | From                                 | Through   |  |
| 365                | 12oz, 11b, 21b           | SEP 11 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| Bunny Luv          | 1lb, 2lb, 3lb, 5lb       | SEP 11 24                            | NOV 12 24 |  |
| Cal-Organic        | 12oz, 1lb, 2lb, 2pk/2lbs | SEP 11 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| Compliments        | 1lb                      | SEP 14 24                            | OCT 24 24 |  |
| Full Circle        | 1lb                      | SEP 14 24                            | OCT 24 24 |  |
| Good & Gather      | 12oz, 1lb                | SEP 14 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| GreenWise          | 1lb                      | SEP 11 24                            | OCT 26 24 |  |
| Grimmway Farms     | 25 lb bag                | SEP 11 24                            | OCT 03 24 |  |
| Marketside         | 12oz, 11b, 21b           | SEP 11 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| Nature's Promise   | 1lb                      | SEP 13 24                            | OCT 25 24 |  |
| O Organics         | 12oz, 11b, 21b           | SEP 11 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| President's Choice | 1lb, 2lb                 | 11 SEP 24                            | 02 NOV 24 |  |
| Raley's            | 1lb                      | SEP 14 24                            | OCT 23 24 |  |
| Simple Truth       | 1lb, 2lb                 | SEP 14 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| Sprouts            | 1lb, 2lb                 | SEP 13 24                            | NOV 04 24 |  |
| Trader Joe's       | 1lb                      | SEP 13 24                            | NOV 04 24 |  |
| Wegmans            | 12oz, 1lb, 2lb           | SEP 14 24                            | NOV 02 24 |  |
| Wholesome Pantry   | 1lb, 2lb                 | SEP 16 24                            | NOV 07 24 |  |

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The company is voluntarily recalling these carrots after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that these products may be associated with an outbreak. To date, 39 illnesses and one death have been associated with an *E. coli* O121:H19 outbreak.

The company has also notified its customers who received the recalled product directly from Grimmway Farms and requested that those customers notify distributors of the recall products. The implicated farms are out of production, and none of the recalled carrots have tested positive for *E. coli* O121:H19.

**Consumers**: The recalled carrots should no longer be available for purchase but may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers. Consumers who purchased carrots in the table above and still have them in their refrigerator or freezer should not consume them; they should be destroyed or discarded so they cannot be consumed. If you have these products in your home, do not eat or use them, throw them away, and clean and sanitize surfaces they touched. Consumers concerned about an illness should contact a medical professional.

Consumers with questions or products in their possession may contact our customer services desk at 1-800-301-3101, M-F, 8 am – 8 pm ET, and November 16-17, 8 am – 8 pm ET, or visit www.grimmway.com.

"We take our role in ensuring the safety and quality of our products seriously," said Grimmway Farms President and CEO Jeff Huckaby. "The health of our customers and the integrity of our products are our highest priorities, and we are conducting a thorough review of our growing, harvest, and processing practices. Our food safety team is working with our suppliers and health authorities."

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# **RE:** Bolthouse Fresh Foods<sup>TM</sup> Response to Recent Carrot Recall Initiated by Grimmway Farms and Affirmation of Non-Involvement

To Our Valued Customers:

Bolthouse Fresh Foods is aware of the recent carrot recall initiated by Grimmway Farms, Inc. Bolthouse Fresh is not affiliated with Grimmway Farms in any manner. Moreover, Bolthouse Fresh does not share any fields or production facilities with Grimmway relating to the affected carrots.

Bolthouse Fresh is confident in the quality and safety of its carrots and the produce we supply to our customers. Bolthouse Fresh carrots have not been the subject of any inquiry nor have we been contacted by any governmental agency.

If you would like more information about the Bolthouse Fresh produce sourcing and supply chain, please contact your sales account representative. Consumer inquiries may be directed to the Bolthouse Fresh consumer hotline at (844) 675-7595.

Sincerely,

Melissa Oliver

## Melissa Oliver

Vice President of Sales & Marketing New Carrot Farms, LLC dba Bolthouse Fresh Foods