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Food Safety Alert: Recall on Ground Turkey
Cargill initiated a voluntary recall of ground turkey products produced at their Springdale Arkansas plant on August 3. The amount is approximately 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey products with plant number 963 on all labels and “use” or “freeze by” dates of 2/20/11 through 8/23/11. As of Aug. 4, seventy-seven people have been confirmed with Salmonella infections in 26 states from March 1 – August 1, with one death resulting.

“Symptoms of most Salmonella infections are similar – diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps-manifesting 8 to 72 hours after ingesting of food. Chills, headaches and sustained vomiting may also be experienced by the affected person,” says Cindy Baumgartner, ISU Extension Nutrition and Health Program Specialist.

Baumgartner recommends people check their refrigerators or freezers and see if you have any of the identified products. A complete list is at: www.cargill.com. Return any opened or unopened packaged to the store where purchased for a full refund. Any questions can be directed to Cargill at 1-888-812-1646.

If you did consume some of the identified product, monitor to see if any symptoms appear. Certain groups of people are more susceptible to foodborne illnesses. This would include: Elderly people, infants and preschool children, pregnant women, transplant recipients, people with cancer or who are on chemotherapy, people with HIV/AIDS, or those with a chronic disease.

Use best practices in regard to food safety. Cook foods thoroughly to recommended end-point temperatures. For poultry, this is a minimum internal temperature of 165°F. Use a thermometer, rather than relying only on cooking times listed on package as there are differences in ovens. Looking and touching are not good indicators of doneness—only a calibrated thermometer can tell you the temperature for sure.

Keep cold foods cold by refrigerating at below 41°F or in the freezer. Separate raw from cooked or ready-to-eat foods and separate clean dishes from soiled. Keep hands clean and keep food contacts clean.
More information on food safety can be found at [www.iowafoodsafety.org](http://www.iowafoodsafety.org). Call the ISU Extension AnswerLine, (800) 262-3804, to talk with a Home Economist about food safety concerns. The CDC has a summary and portal about the ground turkey recall at [www.cdc.gov/salmonella/heidelberg/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/heidelberg/index.html).

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**News Release**

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**Kristin Schulte Joins ISU Extension as Farm Management Specialist**

Cresco - Kristen Schulte has joined ISU Extension as the new Farm and Ag Business Management specialist for northeast Iowa. She serves the ten counties of Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Mitchell, and Winneshiek.

Farm and Ag Business Management Specialists offer a variety of educational programs including those related to land leasing, land valuation, financial analysis, government programs, and risk management. In addition, Schulte will specialize in dairy economic, financial statements and analysis.

Kristen Schulte is a graduate of Kansas State University where she received her Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics and Bachelors Degree in Agribusiness. During her graduate studies she worked on projects relating to dairy profitability and benchmarking. She is formerly from northwest Ohio where she grew up on a dairy farm.

Schulte’s office is in Cresco at the Howard County Extension office. Schulte can be reached at 563-419-2790 or [kschulte@iastate.edu](mailto:kschulte@iastate.edu).

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**August Field Day to Focus on Fall Preparation and Planning for 2012**

Nashua - ISU Extension specialists will highlight key considerations and management decisions that need to be made in the fall for optimum grain quality, weed control, fertility and future pest concerns. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Fall Field Day of the Northeast Iowa Ag Experimental Association on Wednesday, August 31.

The afternoon program runs from 1:00 to 4:30 pm and will feature five speakers. Ken Pecinovsky, ISU Research Farm Superintendent will review crop progress. Charles Hurburgh, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer, will talk about grain storage and grain quality management. Aaron Gassmann, Entomologist, will cover corn rootworm management and Bt corn rootworm traits. Antonio Mallarino, Professor of Agronomy will give insight to soil testing interpretations and plant analysis, micronutrients and accuracy of micronutrient soil tests. Bob Hartzler, Weed Scientist, will talk about fall and early spring weed control.
The field day is free and open to the public. It starts at the Borlaug Learning Center on the Northeast ISU Research Farm near Nashua. Directions: From Nashua at the Jct of Hwy 218 (Exit 220) and Co. Rd. B60, go west on B60 1.1 miles to Windfall Ave., then south 1 mile to 290th St., then east 0.2 miles to the farm. For more information about the event, call Terry Basol at 641-435-4864.

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**ISU Extension Offers Ag Drainage School**

NASHUA -- The Iowa Drainage School is being offered to address farmland drainage issues on August 23-25 at the Borlaug Learning Center on the Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua, Iowa.

"People looking to install a new drainage system or retrofit an existing system will want to attend this school," said Matt Helmers, ISU Extension agricultural engineer. "The workshop will focus on drainage design, economics of drainage, water management and legal issues related to drainage."

The Iowa Drainage School offers training on agricultural drainage concepts, planning and laying out drainage systems including surveying a profile, calculating tile line sizes and spacing, regulatory considerations and fixing common drainage system issues.

Drainage contractors, landowners, professional engineers and consultants, NRCS professionals, county administrators and others who are involved in making drainage design decisions within their respective businesses and organizations are invited to attend.

This is a three-day school with each day including a combination of hands-on training, lecture and discussion, and problem solving using examples. By attending this school, participants will be able to plan and layout subsurface drainage systems and work out project costs.

Additional information, a detailed agenda, and online registration are available at [www.aep.iastate.edu/ids](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/ids) or contact your county ISU Extension office.

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**Cattle Feedlot Facilities Tour scheduled**

RICEVILLE - A cattle feedlot tour offering cattle feeders timely information on raising cattle in monoslope buildings, slatted deep pit barns and open lots will be held Tuesday, August 23 from 10:30 am-4 pm in eastern Mitchell County, Iowa.

In addition to learning about the facilities, cattle performance and management, cattle feeders will also receive insight into capturing manure value, enhancing neighbor relations, identifying best locations for new facilities, effective management strategies for their farms and the economic incentive that make cattle feeding an attractive business option for Iowa farmers.

The tour will start at 10:30 am at the Bob Noble farm 2 miles west of Riceville at 3170 Hwy 9. Lunch will be served there and then 3 additional stops are scheduled for the afternoon.
Sponsors of the educational tours include Iowa State University Extension, the Iowa Beef Center, the Coalition to Support Iowa’s Farmers, the Mitchell County Cattlemen, and Osage Cooperative Elevator. Speakers will include the producer hosts and staff from ISU and the Coalition. Learn how each cattle farmer manages the cattle, the facility and the manure in the barn or in the lot.

Contact Mitchell County Extension 1-641-732-5574 or email daolson@iastate.edu to reserve your meal. There is no cost to attend the tours or for the meals. Detailed agendas for each of the tours can be found by logging onto www.iowabeefcenter.org or www.supportfarmers.com. For more information, contact Russ Euken Extension Livestock Specialist 641-923-2856 or email reuken@iastate.edu.

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Other Releases

Preserve Foods Safely with New ISU Extension Program
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/preserve-foods-safely-new-isu-extension-program

With a new program from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, gardeners will learn updated and safe methods for canning and other types of food preservation. Preserve the Taste of Summer provides both online courses and hands-on workshops to adults interested in learning how to safely preserve foods.

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