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This is an FYI only update about Salmonella Typhimurium outbreak 2009-161. This outbreak, with approx. 132 lab-confirmed cases in the US and Canada (including 6 in Oregon: 1 each in Clackamas, Lake, Lincoln, Multnomah, Union, Washington), has been linked to consumption of Taylor Farms brand shredded iceberg lettuce. The product was very widely distributed, with a customer list that included McDonalds, Burger King, Taco Bell, Quizno's, Subway, and through Sysco and FSA many other smaller chain and independent restaurants. Taylor Farms claims to have 60-70% of the US market for shredded lettuce. --

The vast majority of cases nationally had onsets in the first 2 weeks of August; cases trickled on into late August. By the time the vehicle was identified, it appeared that no additional cases had been occurring, suggesting that the precipitating event(s) were long over. Thus, there was never any indication for a recall or public warning to consumers or restaurants. We are still hoping that the FDA will make a concerted effort to try and more specifically identify the source of the problem at Taylor Farms, but to date they (both of them) seem unconvinced. In any event, it looks like our part of the investigation is over. No specific action is indicated for local health departments.

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