E. coli O157:H7/Raw Cheddar Cheese; Raw Milk/Mar 2026 - CARA ID 1369 On 3/10/2026, CORE Signals was notified by CDC about an E. coli O157:H7 cluster where CDC identified raw milk cheddar cheese manufactured by RAW FARM, LLC as the suspect vehicle with seven cases in three states: CA (5), FL, and TX. Based on the combined epidemiologic, limited traceback, and laboratory data, raw cheddar cheese and raw milk from RAW FARM, LLC were confirmed as the outbreak vehicle. Epidemiologic analysis and a limited traceback investigation identified RAW FARM, LLC as the common supplier for raw cheddar cheese products consumed by or served to cases included in this outbreak. Full scope, for cause inspections with sample and data collection were performed at three RAW FARM, LLC locations. As a result of each of these inspections, FDA-Form 483s were issued for inadequate maintenance of equipment, lack of preventive controls, and unsanitary handling of product during processing and production. At the conclusion of the outbreak, there were nine cases in three states: CA (7), FL (1), TX (1).

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