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**PLAINVIEW MILK PRODUCTS COOPERATIVE ISSUES
VOLUNTARY RECALL**

FDA, USDA, and Plainview Testing Finds no Product Contamination of
Plainview Manufactured Product

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, June 29, 2009 – Plainview Milk Products Cooperative, Plainview, Minnesota, is voluntarily recalling instant nonfat dried milk, whey protein, fruit stabilizers and gums (thickening agents) that it has manufactured over the past two years, because of possible Salmonella contamination. Testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture of the Plainview products impacted by the recall has not found any contamination and there have been no reports of illness related to the product, which is not sold directly to consumers.

According to Dallas Moe, general manager, Plainview Milk Products Cooperative, “Product safety is our first priority and none of the Plainview products that were tested by government agencies and our independent labs found any signs of product contamination. After the product cleared quality testing and left our facility it was blended with other ingredients and that’s when contamination was found, but in situations like this it’s in the public’s best interest to be overly cautious.”

Plainview sells its products to other customers who may then incorporate them into their own products. Testing by the USDA of a product produced by one of Plainview’s customers found Salmonella. The product that was produced, a dairy shake powder, contained Plainview product that had been dry blended with a number of other ingredients not manufactured by Plainview.

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Plainview Milk Products Cooperative Recall

As part of an investigation by the FDA prior to the recall, environmental and product testing was conducted at the Plainview facility. Product testing found no contamination. Environmental testing (swab samples from walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment) found some positive test results for Salmonella. Plainview is presently in the process of disassembling all equipment in question for cleaning and is taking other precautionary measures such as the use of anti-microbial surface coatings in order to ensure environmental safety.

Plainview is cooperating fully with the FDA, USDA, and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and has ceased production of the products in question.

“Plainview has an outstanding product safety record and we’re taking all the steps necessary to make sure it stays that way,” added Moe.

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