

**From:** James Minkin [REDACTED]@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010 11:30 AM (GMT)  
**To:** Gary Email <gbethel@[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: SupplierNamed:DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young chickens and feed tobothWrightCounty Egg and Hillandale Farms

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**From:** Jeff Martin [REDACTED]@msn.com>  
**Date:** Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:27:12  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@msn.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named:DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young chickens and feed to bothWrightCounty Egg and Hillandale Farms  
James,

You should forward this to Gary

Jeff

**From:** [REDACTED]@msn.com  
**To:** [REDACTED]@embarqmail.com; [REDACTED]@msn.com  
**Date:** Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:18:47 +0000  
**Subject:** Fw: Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named:DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young chickens and feed to bothWrightCounty Egg and Hillandale Farms

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**From:** Robert D Frappier [REDACTED]@AholdUSA.com>  
**Date:** Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:05:08  
**To:** [REDACTED]@msn.com>; [REDACTED]@embarqmail.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@STOPANDSHOP.COM>; <[REDACTED]@aholdusa.com>; <[REDACTED]@stopandshop.com>; <[REDACTED]@aholdusa.com>; <[REDACTED]@aholdusa.com>; <[REDACTED]@ahold.com>; <[REDACTED]@aholdusa.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named: DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young chickens and feed to both WrightCounty Egg and Hillandale Farms  
**To:** Jim Minkin, Nearby Eggs  
Paul Gabriel, Hillandale

This is not good news that you have sourced brown eggs from Quality Eggs August 5 & 6. We have been very careful to deal with suppliers that adhere to our strict food safety and animal welfare criteria. Please provide documentation for the food safety & animal welfare audits for Quality Eggs. Further provide more detailed SE monitoring for chicks, pullets, the environment, and laying hens as well as your criteria for finding positive SE in the environment which should lead to the monitoring of SE in eggs. Our expectation is to have this documentation for your facilities and Quality Eggs. Advise further of the third party lab used for the testing.

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Additionally please provide details on the brown eggs shipped from Quality Eggs ie item, UPC's, and lot codes.

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From: "James Minkin" [redacted]@msn.com]

Sent: 08/25/2010 12:23 AM AST

To: Robert Frappier; "Paul Gabriel - Email" [redacted]@embarqmail.com>

Cc: George Sherback

Subject: Re: Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named: DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young chickens and feed to both WrightCounty Egg and Hillandale Farms

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Bob, Paul Gabriel pointed out that I was incorrect in my statement below. On Aug 5 and Aug 6 we received two loads of brown eggs from Quality egg of Maine. We did not receive any eggs from Wright County or any other Iowa Farm Sorry for any confusion James Minkin -----

Original Message ----- From: James Minkin To: Robert D Frappier ;

[redacted]@hotmail.com [redacted]@netrax.net Cc:

[redacted]@stopandshop.com Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 8:11 AM Subject: Re:

Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named: DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young chickens and feed to both WrightCounty Egg and Hillandale Farms None of the eggs that any of your location receive are part of the recall In pa we get no eggs from quality eggs or wright county farms Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T -----Original Message-----

From: Robert D Frappier <[redacted]@AholdUSA.com> Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 12:09:09

To: <nearbyeggs@msn.com>; <[redacted]@hotmail.com>; <[redacted]

[redacted]@netrax.net> Cc: <[redacted]@stopandshop.com> Subject: Fw: Recall/Outbreak

[Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named: DeCoster's 'Quality Egg' supplies young

chickens and feed to both Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms To: James Minkin,

Nearby Eggs Jeff Martin, Operations, Hillandale Farms Paul Gabriel, Hillandale Farms

Immediate Response Requested We have a major concern from senior management with

regard to the supply chain and any relationship with Decoster and/or quality eggs. Please

advise if any Ahold USA Corporate Brand Eggs are sourced from Decoster owned facility or

Quality Eggs. Thanks, Bob Frappier Director Quality Assurance AUSA Corporate Brands

[redacted] Phone [redacted] Fax - [redacted]

[redacted] Cell [redacted] Email [redacted]@aholdusa.com ----- Forwarded by Robert D

Frappier/AUSA/US/Ahold on 08/23/2010 08:01 AM ----- FoodTrackAlert <FoodTrackAlert@f

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oodtrack.net> To FoodTrackAlert 08/22/2010 09:07 <FoodTrackAlert@foodtrack.net> AM cc  
Subject Recall/Outbreak [Wright County Egg - UD #20]: Supplier Named: DeCoster's 'Quality  
Egg' supplies young chickens and feed to both Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms |-----

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| [Wright County Egg - UD | | #20] | |-----| | |-----  
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half a | | billion potentially | | tainted eggs this month | | share close ties, | | including suppliers  
of | | chickens and feed. | | | Both farms are linked to | | businessman Austin "Jack" | |  
DeCoster, who has been | | cited for numerous health, | | safety and employment | | violations  
over the years. | | DeCoster owns Wright | | County Egg, the original | | farm that recalled 380  
| | million eggs Aug. 13 after | | they were linked to more | | than 1,000 reported cases | | of  
salmonella poisoning. | | | Another of his companies, | | Quality Egg, supplies | | young  
chickens and feed to | | both Wright County Egg and | | Hillandale Farms, the | | second farm  
that recalled | | another 170 million eggs a | | week later. | | | Jewanna Porter, a | |  
spokeswoman for the egg | | industry, said the two | | companies share other | | suppliers as  
well, but she | | did not name them. | | | The cause of the outbreaks | | is so far unknown, as  
Food | | and Drug Administration | | investigators are still on | | the ground at the farms | |  
trying to figure it out. | | The federal Centers for | | Disease Control has said | | the number of  
illnesses, | | estimated as high as | | 1,300, would likely grow. | | \*\*\*\* | | It is unclear what role | |  
| | DeCoster's company played | | in the current salmonella | | outbreak. The FDA | |  
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find. The | | current recall goes back | | to April, and many of the | | eggs have already been | |  
consumed. | | | Still, DeCoster's Wright | | County Egg is already | | facing at least two | |  
lawsuits related to the | | egg recall. One is from | | food distributor Dutch | | Farms, which  
says the | | company used unauthorized | | cartons to package and | | sell eggs under its  
brand | | without its knowledge. | | | The other is from a person | | who said they became ill | |  
after eating tainted eggs | | in a salad at a restaurant | | in Kenosha, Wis. | |-----

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|-----| Iowa farms in egg recall | | have close ties | | Associated Press - Aug  
22 | | at 05:00 | | | MARY CLARE JALONICK, | | Associated Press Writer | | | |  
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another 170 million eggs a | | week later. | | | Jewanna Porter, a | | spokeswoman for the egg  
| | industry, said the two | | companies share other | | suppliers as well, but she | | did not

name them. ||| The cause of the outbreaks || is so far unknown, as Food || and Drug Administration || investigators are still on || the ground at the farms || trying to figure it out. || The federal Centers for || Disease Control has said || the number of illnesses, || estimated as high as || 1,300, would likely grow. ||| DeCoster is no stranger to || controversy in his food || and farm operations: \_ In || 1997, DeCoster Egg Farms || agreed to pay \$2 million || in fines to settle || citations brought in 1996 || for health and safety || violations at DeCoster's || farm in Turner, Maine. || Then-Labor Secretary || Robert Reich said || conditions were "as || dangerous and oppressive || as any sweatshop." He || cited unguarded machinery, || electrical hazards, || exposure to harmful || bacteria and other || unsanitary conditions. ||| \_ In 2000, Iowa designated || DeCoster a "habitual || violator" of environmental || regulations for problems || that included hog manure || runoff into waterways. The || label made him subject to || increased penalties and || prohibited him from || building new farms. ||| \_ In 2002, the federal || Equal Employment || Opportunity Commission || announced a more than \$1.5 || million settlement of an || employment discrimination || lawsuit against DeCoster || Farms on behalf of Mexican || women who reported they || were subjected to sexual || harassment, including || rape, abuse and || retaliation by some || supervisory workers at || DeCoster's Wright County || plants. ||| \_ In 2007, 51 workers were || arrested during an || immigration raid at six || DeCoster egg farms. The || farm had been the subject || of at least three previous || raids. ||| \_ In June 2010, Maine || Contract Farming\_ the || successor company to || DeCoster Egg Farms\_ || agreed in state court to || pay \$25,000 in penalties || and to make a one-time || payment of \$100,000 to the || Maine Department of || Agriculture over animal || cruelty allegations that || were spurred by a || hidden-camera || investigation by an animal || welfare organization. ||| It is unclear what role || DeCoster's company played || in the current salmonella || outbreak. The FDA || investigation could take || months, and sources of || contamination are often || difficult to find. The || current recall goes back || to April, and many of the || eggs have already been || consumed. ||| Still, DeCoster's Wright || County Egg is already || facing at least two || lawsuits related to the || egg recall. One is from || food distributor Dutch || Farms, which says the || company used unauthorized || cartons to package and || sell eggs under its brand || without its knowledge. ||| The other is from a person || who said they became ill || after eating tainted eggs || in a salad at a restaurant || in Kenosha, Wis. ||| The CDC said || investigations by 10 || states since April have || identified 26 cases where || more than one person || became ill. Preliminary || information showed that || Wright was the supplier in || at least 15 of those. ||| | Almost 2,000 illnesses || from the strain of || salmonella linked to both || recalls were reported || between May and July, || nearly 1,300 more than || usual, the CDC said. No || deaths have been reported. ||| The most common symptoms || of salmonella are || diarrhea, abdominal cramps || and fever within eight || hours to 72 hours of || eating a contaminated || product. The disease can || be life-threatening, || especially to those with || weakened immune systems. ||| Associated Press Writer || Jeff Baenen in Minneapolis || contributed to this || report. ||| Online: Food and Drug || Administration: || <http://tinyurl.com/25ot6ss> || Centers for Disease || Control: || <http://tinyurl.com/27lla8y> || Egg Safety Center recall || information: || <http://www.eggsafety.org> ||| (c) 2010 The Associated || Press. All rights || reserved. This material || may not be published, || broadcast, rewritten or || redistributed. ||| #### ||| Related FoodTrack || Bulletin(s): ||| Product Recall Bulletin || 21-Aug-10 (C) || Saturday[Wright County Egg || - UD #19] || Lucerne Foods Expands || Voluntary Recall of || Lucerne AA Large Eggs to || Include 5 Dozen Count || Packages Limited to 19 || California Safeway Stores ||| Product Recall Bulletin || 21-Aug-10 (B) || Saturday[Wright County Egg || - UD #18] || NuCal Foods Conducts || Recall of Shell Eggs || Supplied from Hillandale || Farms of Iowa ||| Product Recall Bulletin || 21-



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