



December 14, 2018

To Our Valued Customers,

Dole Fresh Vegetables would like to provide an update regarding the romaine lettuce *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak announced by the FDA and CDC last month.

On December 13, 2018, the FDA announced that it has identified a positive sample result for the outbreak strain in the sediment of a local irrigation reservoir used by a single farm owned and operated by Adam Bros. Farms in Santa Barbara County, California.

Although the FDA announcement stated that its investigation was continuing, at this time, we are able to confirm that Dole has not sourced any romaine from Adam Bros. Farms and, in fact, has not sourced any romaine from any other farms in the Santa Barbara County growing region in the past year.

Thank you for your business and we will continue to proactively share information on this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Stejskal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "S".

Tim Stejskal
General Manager and SVP of Sales
Dole Fresh Vegetables