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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Consumer Advisory: Ohio Agriculture Director Issues Food Safety Alert for Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand Products

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REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (May 11, 2010) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs today issues a consumer advisory for Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand marinades and sauces because the products contain undeclared wheat, a known allergen. People with wheat allergies should not consume these products as they may experience serious or life-threatening reactions.

The following items are included in the advisory:

- Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand Steak & Chicken Meat Marinade, 16 oz. containers
- Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand Fajita Meat Marinade, 16 oz. containers
- Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand Smokey Chipotle BBQ Sauce, 16 oz. containers
- Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand Chipotle Habanera BBQ Sauce, 16 oz. containers

These products were distributed in Ohio to retail outlets in Columbus, Cincinnati and Hudson.

The consumer advisory was initiated after the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety discovered misbranded products during an inspection of the Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand warehouse.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety helps assure consumers are provided foods, over-the-counter drugs, dietary supplements and cosmetics that are safe, unadulterated and honestly presented.

In addition to advising consumers of this undeclared wheat allergen, the department has notified the Food and Drug Administration and local health departments.

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Editor's Note: A list of retailers that carry Chuck Evans' Montezuma Brand products is available at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odanews/ODANews.aspx>.