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Dear CACFP Sponsors & Institutions,

On August 26, 2024, <u>Walmart</u> announced its voluntary recall of Great Value 8 oz apple juice sold at select Walmart stores. The products were sold in 25 states, including Georgia. The recall was voluntarily initiated by distributor Refresco Beverages US Inc. due to the products containing inorganic arsenic above the level set by industry guidance.

Since August 26, 2024, additional apple juice products sold in Georgia have been voluntarily recalled by the Refresco Beverages. The updated recalls are below:

## Walmart

Great Value Apple Juice six-pack of plastic 8-ounce bottles that have a "best if used by" date of "DEC 2624 CT89-6" and "DEC 2724 CT89-6b

# Walgreens

Nice! 100% Apple Juice that have a "best if used by" date of "MAR 2525 CT89-1 e"

#### Aldi

Natures Nectar 100% Apple Juice that has a "best if used by" date of "Mar26 2025 CT89-4" and "Mar27 2025 CT89-4h"

## **Dollar General**

Clover Valley 100% Apple Juice that has a "best if used by" date of "03/27/2025 CT89-4"

This recall is classified as Class II. Per the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a <u>Class II</u> <u>designation</u> product recall is one in which use of or exposure to a violative product may cause temporary or medically reversible adverse health consequences or where the probability of serious adverse health consequences is remote.

Per the FDA, arsenic may be present in food from the environment where foods are grown, raised, or processed. The FDA monitors and regulates levels of inorganic arsenic from food, specifically apple juice as apple juice is a **greater potential source of inorganic** arsenic exposure for children than for adults, because children's dietary patterns are often less varied than those of adults, and they consume more apple juice relative to adults. Exposure to inorganic arsenic is associated with adverse human health effects, including cancer, diabetes, adverse birth outcomes, and cardiovascular and neurodevelopmental effects.

For a copy of the updated voluntarily product recall please clickhere.

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