



## Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Greetings CACFP Sponsors & Institutions,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a notice to advise parents and caregivers not to buy or feed certain WanaBana USA products to toddlers or young children, because the products may contain elevated levels of lead. You may view the notice [here](#).

WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches, all lot codes and expiration dates, are affected. The company also initiated a voluntary recall of these products. You may access the company's notice [here](#). These products are sold nationally and are available online and through multiple retailers, including Amazon, and Dollar Tree, and Sam's Club.

***Please note:*** *Since the guidance issued on WanaBana, a recall has been issued for two additional applesauce products with reported elevated levels of lead. They are:*

- *Schnucks cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack*
- *Weis cinnamon applesauce pouches (i.e., specific lots of UPC 041497216123).*

FDA's investigation is ongoing to determine the source of lead contamination and whether additional products are linked to illnesses. FDA will update this advisory as information becomes available and DECAL will contact organizations immediately if further guidance is received. For further information regarding this most recent investigation please click [here](#).

WanaBana USA has voluntarily recalled the below batches of Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree in 3-pack pouches of 2.5 oz.

Batch	Units	Batch	Units
10022:21	33165	01023:03	48735
11022: 08	22185	01023:17	62235
11022:09	23730	01023:23	67590
11022:10	33420	01023:27	60975
11022:12	12120	01023:30	101205
11022:14	29025	01023:31	99180
11022:15	32085	02023:07	84780
11022:16	34860	02023:18	129600
12022:23	64170	04023:23	96090
		04023:24	138240
		04023:25	64395
		04023:26	68805
		05023:08	85950
		05023:09	101520
		05023:10	89460
		05023:11	95535
		05023:15	88605
		10022:31	33165

Consumers who have purchased *WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches* with the specified batch numbers and expiration dates are urged to stop using the product immediately and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Parents and caregivers of toddlers and young children who may have been exposed to lead should contact their health care provider to report their symptoms and receive care. Consumers with questions can email the company at [support@wanabanafruits.com](mailto:support@wanabanafruits.com).

Four illnesses have been reported to date, leading North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to investigate and sample the pouches. North Carolina's analyses came back with elevated concentrations of lead which could result in acute toxicity. WanaBana USA is working to investigate the source of the contamination.

#### **Additional Information:**

Lead is toxic to humans and can affect people of any age or health status. Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. Lead exposure in children is often difficult to see. Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms.

If there's suspicion that a child may have been exposed to lead, parents should talk to their child's healthcare provider about getting a blood test. Although lead can only be diagnosed through clinical testing, signs and symptoms of lead toxicity vary based on exposure.

- Short term exposure to lead could result in the following symptoms:

headache, abdominal pain/colic, vomiting, and anemia.

- Longer term exposure could result in additional symptoms: irritability, lethargy, fatigue, muscle aches or muscle prickling/burning, occasional abdominal discomfort, constipation, difficulty concentrating/muscular exhaustibility, headache, tremor, and weight loss.

Consumers who have symptoms should contact their health care provider to report their symptoms and receive care.

- To report a complaint or adverse event (illness or serious allergic reaction), you can
  - Call an **FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator** if you wish to speak directly to a person about your problem.
  - Complete an **electronic Voluntary MedWatch form** online.
  - Complete a **paper Voluntary MedWatch form** that can be mailed to the FDA.

Regards,

Nutrition Services

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