

***Salmonella* Montevideo/Cucumbers/May 2025 - CARA ID 1304**

On 5/2/2025, HFP OCE notified CORE Signals of a WGS Report for Bedner Growers Inc, which showed a recent *Salmonella* positive zone^{(b)(4)} of packing equipment at Bedner Growers on an FDA environmental swab collected during an April 2025 farm inspection that matched two recent clinical isolates. A strong epi signal identified cucumbers as the suspect vehicle for this outbreak. Records were collected from^{(b)(4)} points of service (including multiple cruise lines) representing eight clinical cases. The traceback investigation included four traceback assignments within HFI E4 and E3. Traceback identified Bedner Growers, Inc. of Boynton Beach, FL, as the supplier of cucumbers for all cases included in the traceback investigation for our timeframe of interest. A sample of cucumbers was collected from a^{(b)(4)} Distribution Center in PA, and sourced from Bedner Growers, Inc. Whole genome sequencing of this sample matched the clinical specimens from cases included in this outbreak, which also matched the April 2025 environmental sample collected from Bedner Growers, Inc. *Salmonella* Braenderup was also found on the cucumber sample and matched clinical specimens from a 2024 outbreak, that implicated cucumbers from Bedner Growers, Inc. as a possible source of the outbreak. Additionally, *Salmonella* Bareilly was isolated from the cucumber sample and matched clinical isolates from 2025 and cucumber isolates collected by FL and PA in 2024 in response to the 2024 *S. Braenderup* cucumber outbreak. On 5/19/2025, Bedner Growers Inc. voluntarily recalled all cucumbers sold via wholesale (through Fresh Start) and at the Bedner's Farm Fresh Market between 4/29/2025-5/14/2025. Several downstream recalls were also initiated in response to this action. On 7/1/2025, the outbreak closed with 69 clinical cases from 21 states, including 22 hospitalizations and one death.