



2/16 FDA and state health inspectors arrived at ABC Processing Company to investigate the spinach processing facility, the sources of spinach and distribution information.

FDA collected 22 samples of fresh bagged spinach from the plant, and samples of incoming spinach as well for *E. coli*

Feb 16th

2/24 To date, 9 packages of spinach were collected from case households in 3 states; 8 of which were analyzed for *E. coli* O157:H7. ABC Processing manufactured 7 of the bags collected.

Of the 8 bags tested, 2 were positive for *E. coli* O157:H7 and were ABC Processing brands of spinach

Feb 24th

2/24 FDA provided clarification to the Feb. 14th press release and informed consumers that only spinach from ABC Processing Company was implicated in the outbreak.

Feb 16th – 18th

2/16-2/18 FDA determined that ABC processing contracts for 100% of the spinach production on three farms with 13 fields and is only sold to ABC Processing

2/16-2/18 Twenty new cases were identified in 5 new states; 10 new cases in previous 14 states.

DNA fingerprint matches continued to be uploaded to PulseNet.

Feb 28th

2/28 A total of 183 persons infected with the outbreak strain of *E. coli* O157:H7 had been reported to CDC from 26 states.

95 were hospitalized; 15 had hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS); 1 person died