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MEDIA STATEMENT: PRODUCT RECALL

Bridgewater Poultry Farm is conducting a recall on the following products due to a potential microbial (Salmonella Enteritidis) contamination.

A product recall has been issued and limited to the following products:

- Woolworths 12 Cage Free Eggs 700g (barcode 9300633636982)
- Victorian Fresh Barn Laid Eggs 600g
- Victorian Fresh Barn Laid Eggs 700g
- Victorian Fresh Barn Laid Eggs 800g
- Loddon Valley Barn Laid 600g (VIC and SA only)

The products have been available for sale at Woolworths and independent stores in ACT, NSW, VIC, TAS and Coles in VIC and SA and have the best before dates of: 20 Mar 19, 23 MAR 19, 27 MAR 19, 30 MAR 19, 3 APR 19, 6 APR 19, 10 APR 19, 14 APR 19, 17 APR 19, 20 APR 19, 24 APR 19, 27 APR 19, 29 APR 19.

The health and safety of consumers is of the highest priority and Bridgewater Poultry Farm is working with the relevant government health and agricultural departments to investigate this incident at our site that may have been introduced through the purchase of interstate eggs. This investigation is continuing.

As a precaution, the farm has been quarantined and strict measures to protect neighbouring farms are in place. Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) is not endemic in Australia so it is important to work through how this incident has arisen.

Regular SE surveillance is conducted in Australia to ensure early detection, containment and eradication of any outbreak.

Any consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice and customers who have purchased the eggs should not consume them and return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

Australia continues to have some of the safest eggs in the world and health authorities advise it is safe to continue eating all other eggs.

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