



**FOOD SAFETY ALERT**  
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The FDA has cleared tomatoes grown in certain areas in the recent foodborne illness outbreak in New Mexico and Texas linked to certain tomatoes. FDA, on its Web site, said traceback review, in addition to production and distribution pattern information, has indicated that tomatoes from the following sources are not associated with the outbreak:

\*California, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Israel, Netherlands, and Puerto Rico.

FDA recommends that New Mexico and Texas retailers, restaurateurs, and foodservice operators who offer fresh and fresh-cut red Roma, red plum, and round red tomatoes and food products made from these tomatoes for sale or service source them only from the sources listed above.

FDA has also indicated that the following types of tomatoes are not linked to this outbreak: grape, cherry, on-the-vine, or grown-at-home tomatoes. Other colors of tomatoes (e.g., yellow or orange tomatoes) are also excluded.

You may visit the FDA website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) for more information.