

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has identified two more Mexican farms in separate states that it claims are linked to the deadly salmonella outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported 201 cases, 65 hospitalizations and one death from 23 states in the *Salmonella* Kiambu, *Salmonella* Thompson, *Salmonella* Agona and *Salmonella* Gaminara outbreak.

U.S. authorities have linked the outbreak to papayas of the Maradol varieties originating in Mexico.

In early August the FDA advised consumers to avoid all papaya varieties from the Carica de Campeche farm in the Yucatan Peninsula, after numerous positive salmonella detections were made.

Now the entity is also advising consumers not to eat Maradol papayas from Caraveo Produce in Tecomán, Colima, and El Zapotanito in La Huerta, Jalisco.

"Increased testing by the FDA has identified papayas from two additional farms that were positive for *Salmonella* strains that matched illnesses not related to this outbreak," it said.

"To the FDA's knowledge, there are no papayas from these farms currently on the market, but the agency is continuing traceback and trace forward activities to see if other importers may have sourced papayas from them."

Three brands of Maradol papayas have been recalled: Caribeña brand, distributed by Grande Produce; certain Cavi brand papayas distributed by Agrosón's; and Valery brand papayas, distributed by Freshtex Produce.

"If anyone has these papayas in their home, they should dispose of them immediately," the FDA said.

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