



## For Immediate Release

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### **In Association with Bidart Bros. Recall ALDI Voluntarily Recalls Gala and Granny Smith Apples from Select Stores**

**Batavia, Ill.** (Jan. 13, 2015) – In association with the Bidart Bros., ALDI is voluntarily recalling fresh whole Gala and Granny Smith varieties of apple due to the potential of the products being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The limited amount of fresh fruit affected by the voluntary recall was sold at select ALDI stores in six states: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

While ALDI did not purchase any of the affected fruit directly from Bidart Bros., we were notified that apple suppliers servicing our stores in the above six states may have received a limited amount of apples affected by the Bidart Bros. recall. As soon as we learned of this potential, ALDI immediately removed the affected products from these stores' selling floor. ALDI is initiating this voluntary recall in case customers have any affected product in their homes.

The recalled fruit only includes fresh whole Gala and Granny Smith apples packed between Sept. 1, 2014, and Jan. 12, 2015, and sold under the "Big B," "Granny's Best" and "Honeybear" brand names. No other fresh fruit or other ALDI products are affected by this recall.

At ALDI, we take the safety and integrity of the products we sell very seriously. If customers have product affected by this voluntary recall, they should discard it immediately or return it to their local store for a full refund.

Customers with questions about the voluntarily recall may contact Bakersfield, Calif.-based Bidart Bros. directly at (661) 399-0978.

ALDI sincerely regrets any inconvenience and concern this voluntary recall may cause.

#### ***About ALDI Inc.***

*A leader in the grocery retailing industry, ALDI operates nearly 1,400 US stores in 32 states, primarily from Kansas to the East Coast. More than 25 million customers each month save up to 50 percent\* on their grocery bills, benefiting from the ALDI simple and streamlined approach to retailing. ALDI sells more than 1,300 of the most frequently purchased grocery and household items, primarily under its exclusive brands, which must meet or exceed the national name brands on taste and quality. ALDI is so confident in the quality of its products, the company offers a Double Guarantee: If for any reason a customer is not 100 percent satisfied with any ALDI food product, ALDI will gladly replace the product and refund the purchase price. For more information about ALDI, visit [www.aldi.us](http://www.aldi.us).*

*\*Based upon a price comparison of comparable products sold at leading national retail grocery stores.*

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