

# 2018 FOOD RECALLS YEAR IN REVIEW

**684 TOTAL RECALLS:** 559 FDA regulated food products  
125 USDA regulated food products

Total Known Weight of Recalled Products: **124,003,277 lbs.\***

\*Weights are not known for 224 of 684 recalls

**124 MILLION LBS =**



**5,000**  
SCHOOL BUSES



**200**  
BOEING 747s



**7.5**  
EIFFEL TOWERS



**30,000**  
CARS



**8,500**  
T-REXS

## RECALL DATA:

**LARGEST RECALL:** 74,538,358 lbs. Class III pet food containing impermissible chemical

**SECOND LARGEST RECALL:** 17,249,347 lbs. Class I ground beef containing *Salmonella*

**SMALLEST RECALL:** .5 lbs. undeclared allergen in cookies

**AVERAGE RECALL WEIGHT:** 269,572 lbs.

**AVERAGE WEIGHT (WITH 2 LARGEST RECALLS OMITTED):** 70,339 lbs.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL 2018 RECALL WEIGHT (BASED ON AVERAGE OF ALL RECALLS):** 184,387,248 lbs.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL 2018 RECALL WEIGHT (WITH 2 LARGEST RECALLS NOT AVERAGED):** 171,974,475 lbs.

**TOTAL EGGS RECALLED:** 207,690,048

## 213 PATHOGEN-RELATED RECALLS:

*Salmonella* (105 FDA & 17 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 122  
*Listeria monocytogenes* (74 FDA & 21 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 95  
*E. coli* (8 FDA and 9 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 17  
*Cyclospora* (9 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 9  
*Clostridium botulinum* (5 FDA & 1 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 6

## 70 FOREIGN MATERIAL RECALLS:

Plastic (11 FDA & 15 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 26  
Metal (15 FDA & 8 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 23  
Glass (8 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 8  
Insects (4 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
Bone (1 FDA & 1 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
Mold (2 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
Rodent Droppings (2 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
Blood (1 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
Unknown (2 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 2

## 241 UNDECLARED ALLERGEN RECALLS:

Milk (69 FDA & 13 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 82  
Wheat/gluten (44 FDA & 8 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 52  
Soy (43 FDA & 7 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 50  
Tree Nuts (36 FDA & 3 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 39  
Peanuts (38 FDA & 1 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 39  
Eggs (28 FDA & 10 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 38  
Shellfish (6 FDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 6  
Fish (4 FDA & 1 USDA) \_\_\_\_\_ 5