



2/16 FDA and state health inspectors arrived at ABC Processing Company to investigate the spinach processing facility, the sources of spinach and distribution information.

FDA collected 22 samples of fresh bagged spinach from the plant, and samples of incoming spinach as well for *E. coli*

2/24 To date, 9 packages of spinach were collected from case households in 3 states; 8 of which were analyzed for *E. coli* O157:H7. ABC Processing manufactured 7 of the bags collected.

Of the 8 bags tested, 2 were positive for *E. coli* O157:H7 and were ABC Processing brands of spinach

2/24 FDA provided clarification to the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> press release and informed consumers that only spinach from ABC Processing Company was implicated in the outbreak.

2/16-2/18 FDA determined that ABC processing contracts for 100% of the spinach production on three farms with 13 fields and is only sold to ABC Processing

2/16-2/18 Twenty new cases were identified in 5 new states; 10 new cases in previous 14 states.

DNA fingerprint matches continued to be uploaded to PulseNet.

2/28 A total of 183 persons infected with the outbreak strain of *E. coli* O157:H7 had been reported to CDC from 26 states.

95 were hospitalized; 15 had hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS); 1 person died

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – 18th**

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**