

Food Safety Alert – 10/19/06

According to the *Monterey County Herald*, Natural Selection has laid off 164 workers – 116 seasonal (who ordinarily would have been laid off at the end of the season) and 48 year-round (8 salespeople and 40 processing plant workers). Sales are down 70 percent for conventional salad and food-service products, and down 10 percent for the company's organic Earthbound Farm label. NSF remains the largest employer in San Benito County with approximately 1200 employees.

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The Californian is reporting that the FDA has confirmed the negative tests on the lettuce that the Nunes Co. voluntarily recalled earlier this month. The next step is waiting for the Mexican government's response.

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