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### **N.C. State Fair cancels King Arthur Flour Special Cooking Contest, alerts competitors to expanded recall**

RALEIGH – The North Carolina State Fair is canceling its King Arthur Flour Special Cooking Contest slated for Sunday, Oct. 27, due to a voluntary recall of King Arthur Flour Unbleached All-Purpose Flour (5 pound and 25 pound) distributed through retailers and distributors nationwide, and sold through the King Arthur Flour website, catalogue and its Vermont store.

*E. coli* 026 was discovered through sampling by King Arthur Flour in lots produced prior to February 2019, but with expiration dates through Jan. 15, 2020. A complete list of lot codes included in the recall can be found at [www.kingarthurflour.com/voluntaryrecall](http://www.kingarthurflour.com/voluntaryrecall).

“Safety is our number one priority at the Fair,” said Kent Yelverton, fair manager. “That extends not only to our fairgoers, but also to the judges who determine competition winners. We want to make all competitors aware of the expanded recall, whether you are part of a cake or cookie competition or are using flour in other competitive areas. Expanded recall information will also be distributed to our food vendors.”

The CDC recommends that consumers not use any of the recalled flour. It should be thrown out. If you stored flour in another container without the packaging, and don’t remember the brand or “use by” date, it is recommended that it be thrown away also.

The CDC warns that symptoms of an *E. coli* infection can usually last five to seven days and often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. In certain cases it can lead to a type of kidney failure. People exhibiting any symptoms after having consumed this product should contact their healthcare providers.