

Norbest recalls smelly turkeys

NORTHWEST PORTLAND (AP) — A turkey processing company voluntarily recalled some of its fresh turkeys in nine Western states Monday because of a bad odor caused by decay.

Norbest Inc., based in Salt Lake City, said it had received reports that some turkeys processed at its Salem plant smelled of sulfur or rotten eggs.

The turkeys being recalled are from a group of 70,000 sold in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Utah and Wyoming, company spokesman Mike Korologos said. Frozen turkeys weren't recalled.

The only turkeys that need to be returned to where they were bought are those that smell bad. Korologos didn't know how many turkeys are affected, but said that it's probably only a small percentage of the 70,000.

The problem was caused when the turkeys were exposed to heat, Korologos said.

"It's not a health hazard, it just smells bad," he said.

Korologos said the company had received 10 complaints since Nov. 20, but no reports of illness.

Turkeys that smell all right should be safe to cook, Korologos said.

Consumers who returned turkeys to stores were offered refunds or replacements.

The recall was initiated by the company, U.S. Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Cordelia Morris said.

The recalled turkeys are labeled "Norbest Fresh Tender-Timed Young Turkey" or "Norbest Family Tradition Fresh Young Turkey."

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