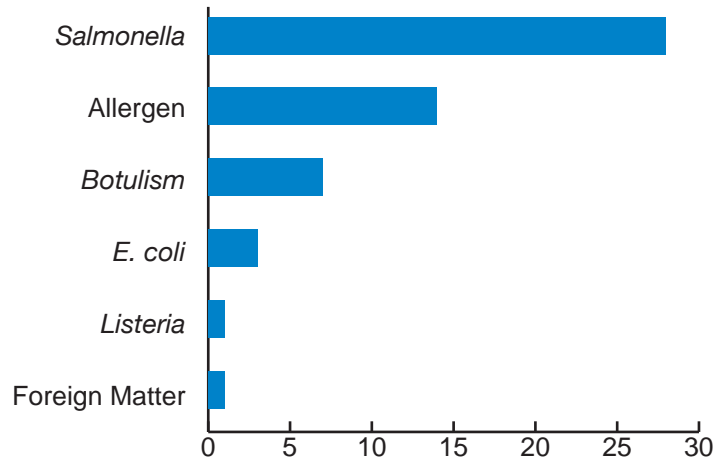
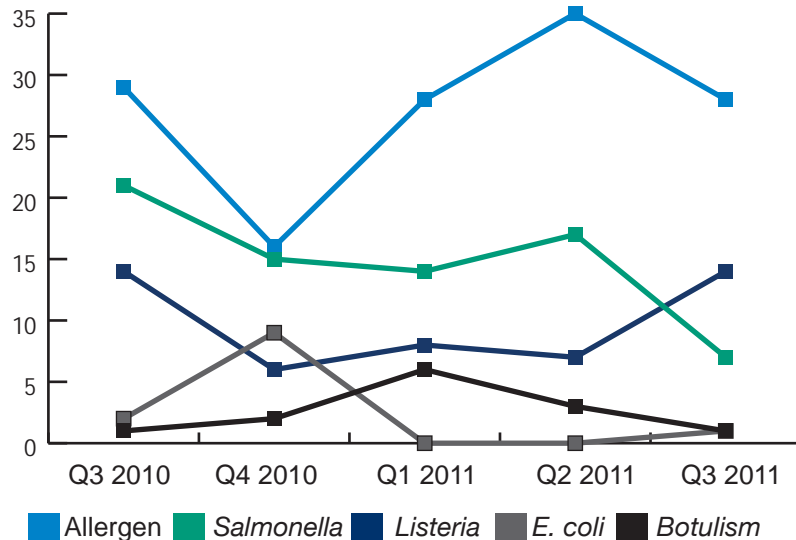


Leading Causes of Food Recall in Q3 2011
According to FDA Enforcement Reports



Leading Causes of Food Recalls by Class
According to FDA Enforcement Reports



Recall Index - Third Quarter 2011

Food

In the third quarter of 2011, FDA enforcement reports documented 117 food recalls initiated by more than 100 companies and affecting nearly 40 million units. The number of recalled units documented in enforcement reports during the third quarter was the highest in the past three quarters, affecting almost six times as many units than the second quarter of 2011.

Of third quarter recalls, 30 affected customers nationwide. Seventeen recalls affected domestic and international customers. Six recalls affected only customers outside the U.S.

Of recalls documented in FDA enforcement reports during the third quarter, about 45 percent were listed as Class I, and about 45 percent were listed as Class II. The remaining recalls were Class III.

The ExpertRECALL Index also reviewed FDA recall announcements which revealed the following:

- Recalls caused by allergen concerns exceeded the number of recalls due to *Salmonella*, *Botulism*, *E. coli* and *Listeria* concerns combined. The second leading cause of food recalls during the third quarter was potential *Listeria* contamination, accounting for 25 percent of the total.
- Recalls due to potential *Salmonella* contamination were at the lowest level recorded in the last five quarters.
- Three recalls were a result of foreign material in food products, reaching a five-quarter high.