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United Supermarkets Assures Guests Its Ground Beef Products Do Not Contain “Pink Slime”

(LUBBOCK, TEXAS) . Guests at any location of the United Supermarkets, LLC, family of stores can rest assured its ground beef products do not contain pink slime, according to the company's business director of market/seafood.

Pink slime is a term being bandied about nationwide for what the beef industry has generally referred to as lean finely textured beef. It is formed from beef trimmings and treated with ammonium hydroxide gas to minimize bacteria growth, then used as filler for ground beef products.

The product being referred to as pink slime is treated with ammonia and frozen, then added to ground beef to make it a leaner product, explained Scott Nettles, business director of market/seafood for United Supermarkets, LLC.

Nettles add that no United Supermarkets, Market Street or Amigos United location carries ground beef items that contain the ammonia-treated product. We buy all of our fresh ground beef for our Genuine Texas Beef program from Cargill in Plainview, he explained. This ground beef is produced from fresh trimmings and full muscle cut product with no pink slime product added.

Other ground beef products in United stores come from another supplier, he noted.

We buy Certified Angus Ground Sirloin and Natural Certified Angus Ground Sirloin (both 90 percent lean) from Tyson Foods, Nettles said. These two items are ground strictly from sirloin muscle cuts and are free from any other cuts of meat. These two grinds are a little more expensive, but guests are guaranteed to get only sirloin cuts in this ground beef.

Nettles added, United places great emphasis on sourcing products from industry leaders for safety and quality. I stand behind all of the ground beef items we sell and serve them to my own family. I know the beef industry and understand the quality that goes into our ground beef program.

About United Supermarkets

Now in its 96th year of operation, United Supermarkets, LLC, is a Texas-based, family-owned grocery chain with stores in 30 markets across north and west Texas. A self-distributing company with its headquarters in Lubbock and distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke, United currently operates 51 stores under four distinct formats: [United Supermarkets](#), [Market Street](#), [Amigos United](#) and United Express.

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