

Managing A Goat Herd Share Operation in Alaska



Why Herd Share

- Legal in Alaska
- Let your goats help “pay their way”
- Connecting consumers with producers
- “Loca-vores”



Why Goats?

- “Missing link”
- “Poor man’s cow”
- Sentient beings
- Minimal infrastructure
- Housing
- Fencing
- Cleanup



What Herd Share is:

- Legal in Alaska
- <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/docs/vet/Dairy/RawMilkSharesAKFactsheet.pdf>
- Fluid milk only
- Sustainable – CSA
- Scheduled
- Commitment
- Tailored to the individual



What Herd Share is not:

- Not the grocery store!
- Not selling milk
- Not making cheese or other products...

Yet!

HB 16 would open doors for value-added products.



Safety & Sanitation: Part 1

- Milking location
- Pre-milking spray
- Wash your hands!
- Hand or machine?
- Final strip
- Post-milking dip
- Strategic feeding



Safety & Sanitation: Part 2

- Wash hands!
- A “sharp dividing line”
- Filtering milk
- Rapid chilling
- Cold storage



Safety & Sanitation: Part 3

- Record keeping – Which goat's milk?
- Jar care
- Who cleans?
- Educating the share owners



HB 16 would allow value-added products -- like Queso Fresco...



Or feta with sundried tomatoes...



...Or chevre—to be a legal component
of a herd share agreement.



From the goats at Cottonwood Creek Farm--



Thank you for considering HB 16!

