



House Bill 22

RAW MILK SALES

Food Security in Alaska – Today

- ▶ Alaska is food insecure
 - ▶ 95% of food is imported from outside
- ▶ Alaska can produce more
 - ▶ 67% of farmers surveyed by Division of Agriculture would produce more if they had more market options
- ▶ \$5 challenge
 - ▶ Would generate \$188 million for our economy

Food Security in Alaska – Historically

- ▶ At statehood in 1959
 - ▶ 525 farms
 - ▶ Produced 49% of agricultural products
- ▶ Dairy farming goes back to at least 1867
 - ▶ Dairy farms across the state from McGrath to Nome to Kodiak to Mat-Su

Food Security in Alaska – Milk

- ▶ Only two certified dairy farms in Alaska
 - ▶ Havemeister Dairy in Palmer
 - ▶ In business since 1935
 - ▶ Baptist Mission Heritage Farm in Kodiak
 - ▶ Certified as a grade A dairy in 2019
- ▶ Alaska can produce more
 - ▶ Operations in Kodiak and Delta Junction close to coming on line

Herd Shares

- ▶ Allowed by regulation
 - ▶ 18 AAC 32.010
- ▶ requires contractual relationship

Herd Shares

18 AAC 32.010. Purpose and applicability of 18 AAC 32.010 - 18 AAC 32.060. (a) The purpose of 18 AAC 32.010 - 18 AAC 32.060 is to safeguard public health and safety by ensuring that milk and milk products from a cow, goat, or sheep, that are to be sold as part of commerce and intended for human consumption, are manufactured, sold, and delivered in a safe and wholesome condition.

(b) The provisions of 18 AAC 32.010 - 18 AAC 32.060 apply to

(1) each milk producer, each wholesale milk distributor, and each owner or operator of a milk processing plant, receiving station, or transfer station whose milk or milk products are to be sold as part of commerce and are intended for human consumption;

(2) each milk hauler who

(A) collects, for the milk producer, milk processing plant, or the department, samples of raw milk for pasteurization or for bacterial, chemical, temperature standards, or compliance testing; or

(B) hauls milk from a milk producer or other milk distributor to a milk processing plant, receiving station, or transfer station; and

(3) a processor of a milk product.

(c) The provisions of 18 AAC 32.010 - 18 AAC 32.060 do not apply to a person who owns a cow, goat, or sheep and uses the milk from the animal for that person's personal use. (Eff. 5/23/98, Register 146)

House Bill 22 – 2 things

- ▶ Puts herd share program in statute
 - ▶ Strengthens program by putting in statute
- ▶ Allows producers to offer value added products to customers in herd share program
 - ▶ Butter, ice cream, cheese
 - ▶ Opportunity for farmer to produce additional products to support farm
 - ▶ Opportunity for consumer to purchase more goods at one place

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Thank you!

Questions?