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See email chain below. These were submitted as part of the comment period on the rules reauthorization process.

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Dear Rules Review Department of Idaho and Other Representatives,

I would like a particular rule changed that would benefit a lot of Idahoans regarding raw milk herd size. The farmer who produces the raw milk as well as the consumer who buys that raw milk are both hurt by the current limitation on herd size. The current rule states that a "small herd" can only be 3 cows or 7 goats or sheep. In order for a farmer to make enough money selling raw milk, he needs to increase his production of raw milk. Thus he needs more cows for his "small herd". Many

times my milk producer runs out of raw milk to sell me because he's only allowed 3 cows.

I propose you change this rule to at least 12 cows in the definition of a "small herd". That would allow a farmer to hire a hand or him and his wife to milk 6 cows each twice a day. This would not harm "big Ag" and allow the little guy to make enough money to pay for the feed for those cows.

Thank you for considering on changing the rule for small herd size on raw milk producers.

I've attached the existing rule to this email.

Wishing you the best,

Lynda

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