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Hello Chelsea,

It is my opinion that the entire subject is poorly addressed. There should be a ladder of taxation based on programs which don't have the acreage to support their count of livestock through the growing seasons and therefore must purchase feed to make up the difference. Though, quality feed is worthwhile for every animal. In addition, this approach would promote better care of the land so it produces higher quality feed for the livestock by improving the diversity and count of soil microbes, and build topsoil, etc. Work with Nature, don't tax and permit.

This land used to be swarming with a variety of herds. If a property can sustain its livestock and is forced to import feed, then the livestock count exceeds the natural process of purifying water.

Though density in a particular area needs to be monitored by the steward. Sensibly managed to work along with Nature so it is taken care of.

This is how I think the program should be organized and how the direction of the editing should be.

It should clearly exclude small hobby farms raising a few animals and are teaching their children how to contribute to their family's chores, to care for and about, something other than themselves.

And at their dinner table they enjoy the fruits of harvest for their labor knowing they are eating toxin-free foods that they grew or raised themselves.

We already have laws for manure composting programs beginning at a 5 cu yd volume. Remember when collecting rain water was illegal in Thurston County? That law was reformed. This one should be as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

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