

# Moose Tracks Ranch

This issue needs to be completely researched IN ALASKA and our state's DEC should NOT simply copycat the Lower 48's hysteria "just because" it's easy and feels good. We can all agree that in a situation such as this, facts are more important than emotions.

Alaskan farmers are already financially struggling to maintain our herds through the long and harsh winters - we do NOT need additional financial burdens "just because" a group of EMOTIONAL out-of-state-do-gooders are attempting to effect REAL policies onto REAL Alaskan farmers, "just because" because they FEEL like it's the right thing to do.

It's time for our State officials to stand up for Alaskans and say PROVE IT (at the Wild Sheep Foundation's expense)!

On one hand the State of Alaska says, "We support our farmers and work hard promote Alaska's Agriculture." And yet on the other hand, they're about to kick Alaskan farmers to the curb because a group of self-righteous outsiders with an agenda and bullhorn are pushing their way into our State's business.

From the State of Alaska's OWN website, <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/Movi.html>:

Due to the structure of farms in Alaska, the risk of disease transmission from domestic livestock to wildlife is LOWER than in other areas of the country. However, Movi has now been detected in healthy Dall's sheep as well as mountain goats in Alaska with NO EVIDENCE of illness or deaths. MORE RESEARCH and monitoring is needed to determine if the Movi strains found in Alaska wild sheep and goats are similar to those in the Lower 48 that have been associated with high mortality events. More information and analyses are needed to characterize the Movi strains and determine how widespread Movi and other Mycoplasmas might be in Alaska.

So let's not talk about imposing ANY MORE financial burdens on Alaskan farmers unto the State of Alaska DEC gets this figured out!