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WYOMING DEPT OF AGRICULTURE IS PROPOSING RULES THAT WOULD DENY WYOMING CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO OWN A COW

Wyoming Food Freedom is a grassroots citizen organization that works for the rights of Wyoming citizens to choose the food they eat, and to have access to the fresh, locally grown and produced foods they desire for themselves and their families. On Friday it came to our attention that the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is quietly [attempting to put in place onerous rules which, if adopted, would carry the force of law](#) even though they have never been voted on. These rules propose to make it illegal for someone who wants fresh milk the way that Nature and God intended, unprocessed and straight from the cow (or goat), to own a dairy animal in partnership with other owners, or to hire someone to care for and maintain their livestock, or to benefit from what their private property produces.



The proposed rules would also make it illegal for anyone to sell cut leafy greens at their local farmer's market, or to a local restaurant, if they wash those greens in their home kitchen sink. According to the Department, in order to be "safe" greens can only be washed in a certified and inspected kitchen which by definition, cannot include a home, and has to be a separate facility with multiple sinks, a bathroom, and expensive, unnecessary equipment costing thousands of dollars.

The new proposed rules also include an entire new chapter on eggs which would require anyone who wants to sell eggs to a food establishment to build a separate facility, which cannot be part of a home. This facility for the sole purpose of storing and grading eggs would be required to have multiple sinks, a bathroom, and unnecessary extra equipment. It would eliminate the ability of a small flock owner to sell eggs at wholesale as "ungraded ranch eggs," or for Wyoming consumers to have access to those eggs.

Although Wyoming Food Freedom members only recently became aware of [these proposed rules](#), they were apparently posted without fanfare or notice on the Department's website in late April. The comment period ends this Wednesday, May 23rd. Wyoming Food Freedom will be requesting a series of full hearings conveniently located around the state so that citizens can testify without traveling long distances. Citizens who would [like to sign a petition to register their serious concern](#) with these proposed rules, and to insist that they not be implemented, are invited to visit <http://WyomingFoodFreedom.org>, or email

info@wyomingfoodfreedom.org. Additional information and details about the proposed changes are available there.

Those who are concerned about this unnecessary and damaging over-regulation of Wyoming citizen's right to choose what they eat, who they buy it from, and how it is produced are asked to contact Wyoming State Representative Sue Wallis, Recluse, Wyoming, sue.wallis52@gmail.com, 307 685 8248 (ranch) 307 680 8515 (cell), or send an email to info@wyomingfoodfreedom.org to be included in announcements of hearings, action alerts, and information about this threat to Wyoming's agriculture, and to citizens' access to unprocessed, locally produced food.



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