

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0069

Crop and livestock damage.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Anderson, R.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture; providing for liability for
2 damaging agriculture ventures; providing damage
3 calculations; providing definitions; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-30-116 is created to read:

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10 **11-30-116. Damage to farm products and livestock.**

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12 (a) In addition to any other remedy allowable by law,
13 any person who, by willful or wanton misconduct, damages or
14 destroys any farm product or livestock shall be liable for
15 double the value of the property as assessed by the court,
16 double the cost directly related to raising the farm

1 product or livestock, costs of litigation and reasonable
2 attorney fees.

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4 (b) If the farm product or livestock is used for
5 testing or research in conjunction with a product
6 development program for a private research facility, a
7 university, a community college or any federal, state or
8 local governmental agency, the court shall determine the
9 damage associated with the loss of the tests or research
10 and award double the damages as well as the damages, costs
11 and fees set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

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13 (c) As used in this section:

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15 (i) "Farm products" means all crops, crop
16 products, plants or portions thereof;

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18 (ii) "Livestock" means horses, mules, cattle,
19 swine, sheep, goats, poultry, guard animals or any other
20 animal maintained under domestication. Bison are considered
21 livestock unless otherwise designated by the Wyoming
22 livestock board and the Wyoming game and fish commission.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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