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We here in the NE corner of the state are constantly effected by wolf habitation. In Union County we are surrounded by wolf packs, it's a constant worry for we producers that run livestock. Most of us incur way more costs to produce our product just to deter and avoid losses, that most likely wouldn't be found in a timely manner to confirm. When we do get lucky and have a confirmation, the compensation is just for that loss, does not come close to the costs we incur all summer. For me for example, I have to hold my cattle off my private timbered pasture lands at least 30 days longer that I would pre wolf. The cost of supplemental feed is great and a cost society never hears about. I wait until the neighboring producers turn out around me on public lands so at least my odds of loss are manageable. Then I check them 3 times as often as I used to, to deter predation and to discover losses, if have any. All my extra expense. It sounds like I'm only worried about expenses, in reality I can't stand the thought of losing my animals in the cruel way wolves kill. We care first of all, we would like to stay in business second of all.

Thank you, Respectfully