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Never a dull moment in this disease business. As to hydatid cysts in cattle: are cattle not slaughtered at a young age, before hydatid cysts can express themselves? How would one find out about hydatid cysts in horses unless they were slaughtered? I was expecting more and more cysts appearing in elk, which as grazers would be bit more susceptible to picking up hydatid eggs than moose, or even deer. Are hydatid cyst infected elk wintering on private ranches, hamlets or suburbs close to houses with dogs? Are hydatid infected elk shot close to ranch houses with dogs and the gut piles of the elk abandoned? Is there a way to induce hunter community to burn the lungs & liver of the elk and deer they shoot? It's pretty desperate measure done on behalf of public health!

Cheers, Val Geist