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(Wyo.)-State Inspector Investigating Horsehair Thefts

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CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - A Wyoming Livestock Board inspector has begun investigating the theft of horsehair by thieves who clip the animals' tails.

Wade Werbelow said officials from four counties hit by the thieves tentatively plan to meet next week to discuss any similarities among the incidents.

Thieves have struck about 100 times in the current outbreak, including 61 times in Natrona County, about 30 in Converse, eight to 10 in Fremont and two in Sweetwater.

Natrona County Sheriff's Lt. Gus Holbrook says most of the thefts in his county were in areas easily accessible by road but away from neighborhood watch groups.

Holbrook says extra patrols have been sent to vulnerable areas but authorities need the public's help to catch whoever is responsible.