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Monday, November 16, 2020

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NBA Weekly Update for October 30, 2020

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Members Responding to Survey Support February Winter Conference

A survey conducted among National Bison Association members over the past week indicates strong support for an in-person meeting in Rapid City in February, along with an option for virtual participation.

A total of 151 members responded to the on-line survey, with 58 percent saying they would attend the event scheduled for February 18-20 in Rapid City, SD, assuming that health guidelines and local regulations allowed for such a gathering, and that social distancing and other safety measures are implemented. Thirty-one percent said they would not attend the event in person, with a large portion of those members saying they would prefer to participate virtually.

The board of directors of the NBA and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association voted recently to collaborate on a condensed, 2-day conference at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City February 19 - 20. Room rates are being offered at a very reasonable \$75/night. A room block is currently being finalized and reservation directions will be shared shortly, as is the conference agenda.

The associations are also coordinating to combine the Gold Trophy Show and Sale with the DTBA Girlz Gone Wild performance tested event on February 18 - 20. This will be a simulcast video sale with the auction to take place Saturday evening, February 20th. Classes, health regulations, etc. are currently being finalized and will be shared as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us virtually or in person!

Nominate the 2020 NBA Member of the Year by December 1st

Please complete this online [nomination form](#) by December 1st to nominate the 2020 National Bison Association Member of the Year! Nominations are welcome from current NBA members only, one nomination per membership please.

The National Bison Association's Past President's Council will announce the Member of the Year at the NBA Winter Conference on Friday, February 19th in Rapid City, SD. The member of the year award recognizes one NBA member each year who has gone above and beyond to promote our collective business and the American bison.

- The nominee should be a rancher, farmer, or citizen whose efforts enhance the bison industry for all.
- The nominee should support and promote the NBA and state and regional organizations.
- The nominee should be a role model to persons in the bison industry. Role model status will be weighed heavily in the decision process.
- State and regional involvement is encouraged
- The Council is now accepting nominations from the NBA membership through December 1st.

To nominate an outstanding NBA member who has gone above and beyond to promote bison and move our industry forward, please take a moment to complete a nomination form quickly online at <https://bisoncentral.com/documents-record/member-of-the-year-nomination-form/> by December 1st.

New Policy for Reserving the Weekly Update Banner Ad Announced

Because of the high readership of the National Bison Association's Weekly Update, the advertising opportunities in this news service have become "prime real estate" for companies and services wanting to connect with the bison community. And, because we want to offer Weekly Update largely uncluttered by excess advertising, we have offered just three advertising opportunities in each edition (Banner ad at \$80/wk., second position at \$65/wk., and third position at \$50/wk.)

Accordingly, we are formalizing some reservation policies that will provide everyone with an equitable opportunity to reserve advertising space in Weekly Update.

Beginning March 1, 2021, advertisers may reserve space at the full price for up to three months in advance. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, when placed within 30 days of the current advertiser's expiring agreement. For example, reservations for the advertising block beginning March 1st would open on January 30th. Reservation requests must be submitted by email so that we will have a record of the time receipt of the requests. Finally, any three-month block reserved must be accompanied by 50% payment at the time of placement.

Completed ads (No more than 600 pixels wide please) must be emailed to jim@bisoncentral.com 24 hours before publication. If you need assistance in developing your ad, feel free to reach out to Anita Shaver of Direct Design, who does the NBA's graphic design and is very reasonable and turns around excellent work very quickly. Reach Anita at anita@directdesigninc.net, or 303-941-7602.

National Bison Day Next Saturday...Tell Us Your Plans

National Bison Day has been formally designated by the U.S. Senate as November 7th this year, offering ranchers and marketers with an opportunity to promote the deliciously healthy meat, just as the Holiday season gets underway.

NBA members are encouraged to share their Bison Day plans with us next week so that we can help get the word out to the public.

“The annual Bison Day celebration has become an important part of our marketing calendar,” said Dave Carter, NBA executive director. We’re always interested in the new and creative ways that our members are using to help educate the public, and promote the meat on this important day.”

Please send in your National Bison Day ideas to jim@bisoncentral.com.

Center of Excellence for Bison Studies First Board Meeting Held

The Board of Directors of the Center of Excellence for Bison Studies convened their first formal meeting Tuesday, and began to develop procedures to prioritize research objectives for the coming year.

Dr. Bill Gibbons, director of the South Dakota Experiment Station was elected to serve as President of the Center, with Mimi Hillenbrand of Rapid City, SD elected to serve as Vice President. John Flocchini of Wright, WY, was elected Secretary and NBA Executive Director Dave Carter was elected Treasurer.

Other members of the Center Board are Dr. Dave Hunter of Montana representing the NBA;, Phil Baird, Provost of Sinte Gleska University as the tribal university representative; Lora Perkins, Angela Pillatzki, and Hector Menendez as representatives of SDSU ;and Dr. Murray Woodbury of the University of Saskatchewan as a director at large. A tribal representative for the board is yet to be designated.

Bison Stakeholders: NAHMS seeks your help in selecting the focus of its Bison 2022 study

The USDA's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) is developing its second national study of the U.S. bison industry, which is planned for 2022. USDA invites stakeholders now to take a brief online survey to help NAHMS focus the research and build a study that is the most beneficial to industry. As a bison stakeholder, your input is crucial to this process, so please participate. Click here to access the survey, and please complete by the new November 15th deadline.

In addition to helping USDA identify key bison health and management issues, stakeholder participation will bridge existing information gaps by exploring stakeholders' new and ongoing concerns. Stakeholder inputs will ensure that the NAHMS Bison 2022 study will be focused on primary matters affecting the bison industry. This brief survey also offers stakeholders a chance to provide information that will benefit the newly established Center of Excellence for Bison Studies. NAHMS welcomes responses from people representing all facets of the bison industry.

Please click here to access the survey, which might take 10 or 15 minutes to complete. The survey is available through November 15, 2020.

As Dr. Dusty Oedekoven, state veterinarian for South Dakota stated to the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association membership:

"A few years ago at the DTBA meeting, I reviewed some of the findings in the USDA's

"Bison 2014" study. USDA's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) conducts various studies of different livestock sectors to document benchmark information on animal health, nutrition, and research. I wanted to be sure you were aware that USDA is planning to conduct an update to the Bison 2014 study in 2022. They are now calling for input from industry stakeholders to guide their data collection. I would strongly encourage DTBA members to respond to the survey by November 15th. The more participation in the survey, the better USDA can respond to the needs of the industry".

Important note: Depending on your internet connection, the survey might take several minutes to load, so please be patient. Also, please click on the "Submit" button on the last page to ensure that your responses are recorded! Thanks very much for your help! To see former NAHMS Bison Study results, click [here](#). Feel free to send any questions or comments regarding the survey to NAHMS@usda.gov.

Please share this announcement with others who might be interested in completing the survey.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Available for MCF Research

The Malignant Catarrhal Fever Project at the Animal Disease Research Unit/ARS/USDA has a Postdoctoral Fellowship available to work on MCF vaccine development. The unit is accepting applications to this opportunity at <https://www.zintellect.com/Opportunity/Details/USDA-ARS-2020-0187>.

Dr. Christina Cunha, the Veterinary Medical Officer at the USDA – ARS – Animal Disease Research Unit in Pullman, WA, notified the NBA of this opening, and encourage qualified members to help spread the word.

Malignant Catarrhal Fever has been a serious bison herd health problem through the years. Dr. Cunha is leading the efforts to develop an MCF vaccine for bison.

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MISSOURI BISON ASSOCIATION



24TH ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

Thursday, **December 10, 2020** – 11:00 am
Lolli Brothers Livestock Market, Macon, MO
Dinner & Fun Auction: Dec 9th, Apple Basket Restaurant, 6pm

22ND ANNUAL SPRING SHOW & SALE

Saturday, **March 20, 2021** – 11:00 AM
Mo-Kan Livestock Market, Butler, MO
Dinner & Fun Auction: March 13th, Sale Barn Cafe, 6:30pm

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Can These Boots Help Save the Planet?

(From GQ)

Patagonia has never much cared about what's trending in the world of fashion—and that approach, paradoxically, has made the brand one of the coolest on Earth. You're just as likely to see a pair of Baggies on the street in Brooklyn as you are, say, canyoneering in

Zion. But for all Patagonia's unlikely fashion success, they've certainly never been great at making footwear. The best they've managed so far is a fly-fishing boot that's indestructible on the river, but not exactly worthy of wearing anywhere else. But when the mission statement of your billion-dollar company is "We're in business to save our home planet," you tend to look at things differently. And so Patagonia's latest product—a leather work boot—is impressive on two fronts: It's made from the most eco-friendly tanning process on the planet, for one. Even more surprising: It looks pretty great.

The Wild Idea Buffalo Boot comes from the company's Workwear division, which makes heavy-duty apparel—bib overalls, chore jackets, etc.—from industrial hemp. The new boots embody the same experimental spirit as the hemp-canvas products, but go in a completely different direction material-wise: They're made from buffalo hides, which are sourced from the namesake Wild Idea ranch in South Dakota. The boots, a Chelsea-style design for women and a cap-toe version for men, go on sale October 30, and the company is producing just 1,000 pairs—the reason for which we'll get into in a second.

Read [more](#).

Oklahoma Recreational Area Creating New Bison Enclosure

(From Oklahoma News 4)

SULPHUR, Okla. (KFOR) – Bison at an Oklahoma recreational area will soon have a new home.

The Chickasaw National Recreation Area is creating a new enclosure for the park's bison herd.

The park's bison herd was first established in February of 1920 when three bison were brought to the park from the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps began work on an 84-acre bison pasture, and the herd was moved to that location in 1934. They have lived there ever since.

"We've had our bison herd in the same pasture for 86 years, which is a long time to have such large animals in one place," says Superintendent Bill Wright. "We are building a new pasture on the other side of the highway, not as a replacement, but as a second pasture we can use to rotate the animals to and from. This will let us better manage the land in both areas for the benefit of the bison."

The new enclosure will be 42 acres and has more grazeland available than the current pasture. Once the bison are relocated to the new pasture, park staff will be able to perform prairie restoration work in the current enclosure.

[Source](#).

Walmart CEO Says Stockpiling Has Begun

(From Yahoo Finance)

The third wave of cupboard stock-up may be underway for U.S. consumers as COVID-19 infections pick back up across the country.

Whether that leads to a fresh wave of toilet paper and disinfecting wipes out of stocks this winter like those seen in March is the great unknown right now.

"Things are getting better, but we have a ways to go to recover. It will be choppy for months to come as we all deal with the volatility and as things change," Walmart CEO Doug McMillon said of product out of stocks at the Yahoo Finance All Markets Summit.

Working closely with key suppliers to keep shelves stocked is of the utmost importance for Walmart, McMillon said.

“Today there has been some leveling out, but with the case counts coming back up there are some areas we see stock-up behavior again locally,” said McMillon of current consumer behaviors.

Read [more](#).

Cows Are Critical For Climate Change

(From Meat+Poultry)

It is essential that all food manufacturers think ahead in order to provide nutrition for an anticipated population of 10 billion by 2050. Some regions are experiencing increased heat and drought, while others have flooding and large, damaging storms. Agricultural lands are at risk with both scenarios, which is why industry stakeholders are doing their part to improve the ecosystem; and it all comes down to the soil.

A new documentary, “Kiss the Ground,” which is narrated by Woody Harrelson, details how regenerative agriculture has the potential to balance the earth’s climate, restore lost ecosystems and feed the world. Cows are an important part of the regenerative agriculture movement and involves managing land, cows and manure.

Regenerative agriculture is a holistic, principles-based approach to farming and ranching that seeks to strengthen ecosystem and community resilience. These practices pull carbon from the air and store it in the soil and can help the land be more resilient to extreme weather events. Additionally, regenerative agriculture practices help to increase water infiltration, improve nutrient cycling and reduce soil erosion, which have been shown to positively impact the quality of nearby lakes, rivers and streams.

These benefits can translate to farmers’ pocketbooks by ensuring that more nutrients stay in the field to be absorbed by plants rather than lost to wind or water erosion. Regenerative practices on livestock farms can look slightly different than row crop farms, specifically incorporating adaptive grazing on pastures and cropland.

“Healthy soil is the cornerstone of everything we do,” said Carl Gerlach, chief executive officer of Maple Hill Creamery, Chicago. “We work tirelessly within our network of organic 100% grass-fed dairy farmers to develop and implement practices that result in the regeneration of the land through the management of organic grass-fed cows.

“When managed in harmony with nature, grazing cows are one of the most effective tools on earth as far as igniting the life in the soil, which is the foundation of the carbon cycle,” he said. “We believe that 100% grass-fed organic dairy farming done right is the pinnacle of organic and leaves the soil better than we found it.”

The same is true for beef cattle. Ruminant animals are critical to the future. Here’s why. A stalk of corn provides two to three cobs. Humans can only digest the kernels, and for that matter, not even all the kernels. The fibrous outer shells of corn kernels pass through the gastrointestinal system undigested due to lack of the necessary digestive enzyme. The rest of that corn plant is useless to humans for energy; however, it’s a meal for ruminant animals such as cows. Cows effectively convert the nutrients in that stalk, husk and cob to meat and milk for human consumption.

Read more [here](#).

Gray wolf delisted throughout lower 48 states

(From Agri-Pulse)

The gray wolf in the lower 48 states has recovered to the point where it no longer needs to be listed as an endangered species, the Fish and Wildlife Service said Thursday.

“After 45 years as a listed species, the gray wolf has exceeded all conservation goals for recovery,” Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said. “Today’s announcement simply reflects

the determination that this species is neither a threatened nor endangered species based on the specific factors Congress has laid out in the law.”

FWS said there are more than 6,000 gray wolves in the lower 48 states, “greatly exceeding the combined recovery goals for the Northern Rocky Mountains and Western Great Lakes populations.”

Ag groups [hailed](#) the [delisting rule](#). “The recovery and delisting of the gray wolf is an outstanding victory under the Endangered Species Act and should be celebrated accordingly,” National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) Vice President and Minnesota rancher Don Schiefelbein said. “Today’s announcement is the culmination of decades of work done by cattle producers and landowners nationwide to protect habitat ensuring wolf recovery efforts were successful, even when impacts to their livelihoods were significant.”

“Farmers across the Upper Great Lakes Region have battled nightmare situations with wolf attacks on livestock and pets in addition to sightings while children are playing in the yard or waiting for the school bus,” Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation President Joe Bragger said.

Full story [here](#).

Tyson to pilot new beef inspection protocol at Holcomb plant

(From Agri-Pulse)

A major meatpacker plans to introduce new technology into one of its facilities to pilot the use of vision systems and machine learning in beef carcass inspection. Tyson will deploy the technology at its Holcomb, Kansas, plant in January after originally petitioning USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service for a waiver to try out the new protocols in March 2019.

Barb Masters, Tyson’s vice president of regulatory policy, says the technology will allow for speedier feedback to beef producers providing animals to the facility.

“What we hope to do with this technology is really provide some transparency to our producers to those that want to have really good insight,” she said. “It’s almost like a post-mortem exam on every animal if they wanted that level of detail.”

Jennifer Williams, Tyson’s vice president of food safety and quality assurance fresh meats division, noted current restrictions on photos and videos of USDA inspectors at work wouldn’t be in place under the new project framework, so “there are no restrictions about how many pictures we can and cannot take and whose arm is in the picture, so to speak.”

While the project would include additional responsibilities for Tyson team members at the facility, FSIS inspectors would retain complete inspection and food safety oversight throughout the plant, including total inspection of all beef carcasses and parts. Williams said maintained USDA presence as well as practices on the part of Tysons employees should assure confidence in the plan’s food safety outcomes.

Read more [here](#).

CFAP-2 payments clear \$7B, pass halfway point

(From Agri-Pulse)

The Department of Agriculture’s second effort at easing the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic has distributed more than half its intended funding.

According to [USDA figures](#), producers have received more than \$7.6 billion in Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2.0 payments thus far, more than half the program’s planned \$14 billion in funds. More than 443,000 producers have had their applications approved.

In a statement, Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue said CFAP-2 “builds upon the over \$10 billion disbursed under the first round of CFAP,” which wrapped up its signup in September. That [program distributed](#) more than \$10.3 billion in payments and approved applications from nearly 649,000 producers.

Just over half the current CFAP-2 payments are being distributed to acreage-based commodities like corn, soybeans, and wheat, with corn the top overall commodity in the program at more than \$2.1 billion in payments. Livestock production is responsible for another roughly 28% of payments, with cattle producers receiving nearly \$1.7 billion in payments.

Read more [here](#).



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- 11/07/2020 - 55th Annual Custer State Park Fall Classic Bison Auction - SD
- 11/09/2020 - TNC Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Online Only Auction - OK
- 11/15/2020 - Oklahoma Bison Association Fall Sale, Payne County Stockyards - OK
- 11/16/2020 - Brownotter Buffalo Ranch Annual Production Sale - SD
- 11/16/2020 - Antelope Island State Park Bison Auction - UT
- 11/17/2020 - Bison on the Bear Annual Production Auction - ID
- 11/17/2020 - Diamond Land & Livestock Online Bison Auction Closing Day - WY
- 11/20/2020 - Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve, 1st Production Auction Closing Day - IN
- 11/21/2020 - Coyote Trail Buffalo Annual Production Auction - SD
- 11/28/2020 - Minnesota Bison Association's Legends of the Fall Show/Sale - MN
- 11/29/2020 - Rocking P Ranch Production Auction - SD
- 11/30/2020 - 3 Suns Bison Ranch – Final Dispersal Bison Auction Closing Day - FL
- 12/05/2020 - Kansas Buffalo Association Annual Production Sale - KS
- 12/05/2020 - Western Bison Association Meeting and Show/Sale - UT
- 12/8/2020 - Northern Range Buffalo Simulcast Consignment Auction - SD
- 12/10/2020 - Missouri Bison Association Fall Sale - MO
- 12/19/2020 - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Meeting/Simulcast Auction - ND
- 1/02/2021 - Prairie Legends Bison Auction - NE
- 1/08/2021 - Montana Bison Assn. Winter Conference - MT
- 1/9/2021 - Turner Bison Exchange Prairie Performance Auction - SD
- 2/19/2021 - NBA - DTBA Joint Winter Conference - Rapid City, SD/Online
- 2/20/2021 - NBA GTSS & DTBA Girlz Going Wild Auction - Rapid City, SD/Online
- 3/20/2021 - Missouri Bison Association Fall Sale - MO
- 6/27/2021 - National Bison Assn. Summer Conference - Cheyenne, WY

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