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NBA Weekly Update for April 15, 2022

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NBA Members Can Now Pay Invoices Online

The NBA now has online invoice transactions available as an option when renewing dues, paying product invoices, etc. The quick and secure service has been added to ease the process of paying your NBA bills. You will find the link to pay online in the body of the emails that you receive from the NBA. If you have any questions, please send along to NBA Bookkeeper, Barb Dowdy at Barb@bisoncentral.com, or at 303-292-2833, ext. 103.

NBA Sets Tentative Dates for Regenerative Field Day Series

The NBA this week was able to nail down some tentative dates for the first three of six Regenerative Bison Field Days to take place in Illinois, North Dakota, and South Dakota this summer and fall.

The NCSARE grant-funded project, the National Bison North Central Regenerative Ranching Workshop Series, will be facilitated during the summers of 2022 and 2023 and will feature a total of six one-day workshops on bison farms and ranches in the states of IL, MN, ND, OH, SD, and WI. The field days will also include expert speakers offering first-

hand knowledge on how to holistically manage bison grazing and handling to maximize their regenerative impact as a livestock species.

This year's field days include:

June 18th - Heartland Bison Ranch - Rugby, ND

September 10th - Antelope Creek Bison – Mission, SD

October date TBD - Ruhter Bison – Frankfort, IL

2023 summer and fall tours will include:

Cherokee Valley Bison – Thornville, OH

Double J Bison – Baldwin, WI

Sleepy Bison Acres – Sleepy Eye, MN

This is the second grant that the NBA has received from NSCARE, the last having funded the production of the 2nd edition of the Bison Producer's Handbook. Learn more about NCSARE at <https://www.sare.org/>. Please send any questions to jim@bisoncentral.com. Registration will open soon.

National Park Service Encourages Bison Producers to Participate in M. Bovis Survey

The NBA was contacted by the National Park Service this week to encourage NBA members to file claims with their local Farm Service Agency agents if they have experienced losses due to Mycoplasma Bovis. They also encourage all producers to participate in a survey that they are currently conducting regarding the disease:

Mycoplasma Bovis is an emerging disease threat in bison and buffalo herds that can cause significant mortality and decreased reproduction in affected herds. Several herds were affected for the first time in 2021, with many experiencing significant mortality, but information on the source of the new infections and risk to other bison herds is not currently known. In order to try to identify the source, causes, and impacts of Mycoplasma bovis disease in bison, we are trying to collect information on the extent of the disease, conditions when the disease appeared, and compare differences between affected herds and unaffected herds.

Whether or not your herd has experienced disease, your information will help us to understand how new herds become infected and what we can do to prevent or stop the disease. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, is completely voluntary, and no identifying information will be collected. Any information you choose to provide will be kept confidential and used to develop recommendations to help protect bison and buffalo conservation and production.

Please consider filling out this short survey to help us protect bison and buffalo health: <https://forms.office.com/g/4qQ9LcgwBP>.

Please feel free to share this survey with other bison and buffalo herd owners or managers, and please contact Danielle Buttke at danielle_buttke@nps.gov or 970-631-5084 if you have any questions or would prefer to complete the survey over phone. You may forward this survey link to another individual to complete on behalf of your herd, but please only submit one response per herd.

Any affected producers may be eligible for financial assistance for animals lost to Mycoplasma bovis, please visit the Livestock Indemnification Program to learn more: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-indemnity/index> or Farmers.gov recovery resources: <https://www.farmers.gov/protection-recovery>

Thank you for your time, consideration, and interest in helping to protect bison.

International Bison Conference

Early Bird Registration Extension (From the Canadian Bison Association)

Recognizing that COVID guidelines and travel restrictions are relaxing, we wanted to ensure you have an opportunity to get the best prices to attend the IBC 2022.

The Early Bird Registration deadline has been extended to April 30.

- Full Conference Registration*: \$350.00 (Early Bird price until April 30, 2022); \$420.00 (Starting May 1, 2022)
- Full Conference Family Registration*: \$850.00 - Ticket includes admission for three persons (16+) in the same family

Includes access to all convention sessions and Tuesday reception, Wednesday Banquet and Thursday Banquet

And for even more excitement: All those registered by April 30 will be entered to win a \$500 package from Granted Sweater (Official Canadian Wildlife Federation - Bison Sweater - GSC (grantedclothing.com)!

Get all the details and register at bisonconvention2022.com.



RIP - Quinn Kahrig

The NBA was saddened to learn of the passing of longtime member and bison producer, Quinn Kahrig of Kahrig Bison Ranch in Woodsfield, Ohio. The NBA staff sends their deepest condolences to the Kahrig family and Quinn's many friends in the bison community.

An official obituary is not available at the time of publishing this edition.

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Bison: The biggest, baddest animal in Wisconsin (sort of)

(From Wisconsin Public Radio)

A few years ago, when Alstan Van Overmeer was in fourth grade, he was thinking about animals. He wanted to know what the biggest animal you can find in Wisconsin is.

So Van Overmeer, of Mineral Point, asked Wisconsin Public Radio's WHYsconsin. Alstan is now 13 years old and says he still likes to learn about animals, in addition to a lot of other stuff.

"Honestly, I just like learning in general. Like when we're gonna go to a museum, I wanna open and close it," he said.

And we at WHYsconsin are going to open and close the case of the biggest animal in Wisconsin.

The answer to Alstan's question depends on whether you choose to exploit the farm animal loophole.

If you decide to include farm animals, the biggest animal in our state is a bison — which also happens to be the largest land animal in North America. Clocking in at more than 2,000 pounds, bison are raised for their meat in Wisconsin.

Before they met the same fate as cows, pigs, chickens and the like, bison were native to — and thriving in — much of the United States, including Wisconsin. But over-hunting and habitat destruction sliced the population from between 60 million and 70 million in the late 1700s to just 800 in the late 1800s.

The last two wild buffalo east of the Mississippi River were shot and killed in Wisconsin in 1832. According to the Wisconsin Bison Producers Association, there are about 7,000 bison on farms throughout the state, as well as a lone herd of captive bison that live in enclosed pastures at Sandhill State Wildlife Area in Wood County.

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Live Out Your 'Yellowstone' Fantasy at This Michigan Bison Ranch and B&B

(From WKFR – 103.3)

With the rising popularity of shows like Yellowstone, Michiganders are looking for a slice of the Western lifestyle right here in the Great Lakes state. The popular TV drama starring Kevin Costner, which has spawned three additional spinoff series, highlights a prominent family of ranchers in Montana.

Though it made national news when the ranch used in the filming of the series was available to rent via Airbnb, what do you do if you're a diehard Yellowstone fan in Michigan who is unable to travel out West? You head to Rosebush, Michigan of course!

Pohl Bison Ranch is located in the heart of the Mitten just seven miles north of Mt. Pleasant. The family owned bison ranch operates a meat store, gift shop, bed and breakfast, and campgrounds on their 30 acre property.

Owners Jim and Krista were inspired to get into the bison business after a memorable trip to Jackson Hole and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Upon returning home to Michigan they found themselves talking about the majestic bison non-stop and within two weeks they had bought their first herd! Say the Pohls, "It has been fourteen exciting years since that life changing trip. We are grateful everyday that we have our own bit of "the west" in our backyard."

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1st bison of 2022 born at Rocky Mountain Arsenal

(From 9 News)

COMMERCE CITY, Colo — Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (RMA) has a new resident.

The first bison calf of the season has been born at the Commerce City wildlife refuge. Located ten minutes from downtown Denver, RMA is home to a herd of more than two dozen bison as well as deer, raptors, songbirds, waterfowl, prairie dogs and coyotes. Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) maintains two conservation bison herds in the Denver Mountain Parks system at Genesee Park and Daniels Park.

The herds are descendants from the last wild bison in North America and were originally established at Denver's City Park by the Denver Zoo and the City of Denver. The herd was moved to Genesee Park in 1914 and expanded to Daniels Park in 1938.

In March, the City of Denver donated 33 bison to the Northern Arapaho Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and Tall Bull Memorial Council to reintroduce wild bison and support conservation efforts on tribal lands. The City and County of Denver said 15 American Bison were presented to the Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming, and 17 bison were transferred to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Oklahoma.

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Montana Pushes Yellowstone To Withdraw Its Update To Its Bison Management Plan

(From the Bozeman Daily Chronicle)

The state of Montana has urged the National Park Service to withdraw its proposed update to Yellowstone National Park's bison management plan and work with the state on a new option for the plan. The park superintendent said on Wednesday that he is open to developing a new alternative with the state's input.

Federal, state, and tribal partners who manage Yellowstone bison under the Interagency Bison Management Plan discussed options for moving forward with the update during a meeting in Bozeman on Wednesday.

Earlier this year, the park service announced it would be updating Yellowstone's plan as part of an effort "to address changed circumstances and new information obtained since the approval of the Interagency Bison Management Plan" in 2000.

The National Park Service proposed three different alternatives for the update, then collected public comments on them through February. Yellowstone's bison management plan functions under the umbrella of the interagency plan.

"We have attempted — through this planning process — to set up a spectrum of alternatives that start with where (the interagency partners have) gotten to at this point," without going backward, said Yellowstone Superintendent Cam Sholly on Wednesday.

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The New Veterinary App, Website To Track Disease Symptoms

With the touch of a smartphone button, veterinarians will be able to check online to determine if what they see in the field is unique to their area or part of a greater pattern, thanks to a new veterinary app and website created by a group of Texas A&M AgriLife faculty.

The Veterinary Syndromic Surveillance System, VSS, website, and app are now live and

will provide veterinarians a tool to access and input disease information to a central database, said Tom Hairgrove, DVM and Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cattle veterinary specialist in the Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station.

Hairgrove is leading a three-year "Improving the Sustainability of Rural Veterinarians Through Mentoring, Targeted Education, Telemedicine and Monitoring of Disease Syndromes" project, funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant.

The VSS website and app meet one of the goals set out within that grant - to provide quality continuing education in production medicine and participation in real-time disease surveillance, thereby providing practitioners, students, and veterinary technicians with an increased awareness of state and regional livestock disease issues.

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Millions Allocated For Federal Veterinary Programs

(From AVMA News)

Congress designated millions of dollars for several federal veterinary programs in the \$1.5 trillion spending bill passed this March and signed by President Biden, including funding to address veterinary workforce shortages and promote food safety.

Before passage of the omnibus appropriations bill for the fiscal year 2022, the AVMA had been engaged with lawmakers and worked with coalitions to advocate for funding programs critical to the veterinary profession. Those programs include the following.

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program: The VMLRP has received an increase of \$1 million in funding from the last fiscal year, for a total of \$9.5 million. The program plays a role in closing workforce gaps in food animal medicine and veterinary public health by offering three years of repayment of educational loans in exchange for service in veterinarian shortage areas designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program: FARAD was allocated \$2.5 million to protect the U.S. food supply against drug residues in animal-derived foods so that they are safe for human consumption.

Veterinary Services Grant Program: The program was allocated an additional \$500,000 in funding for a total of \$3.5 million. The VSGP is a federal program that provides Education, Extension, and Training grants to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services and Rural Practice Enhancement grants to establish or expand veterinary practices in rural areas.

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspective Service: The agency was allocated \$1 million to strengthen its oversight of imported dogs.

USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service: The FSIS was allocated \$2.8 million to remedy the high number of vacancies for public health veterinarians at the agency.

National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility: \$4 million was allocated to continue the transition of veterinary diagnostic capabilities from Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York state to NBAF and to carry out programs at the new facility, slated to open in Manhattan, Kansas, in 2022.

[Source](#).

More Than 57 Billion Tons Of Soil Have Eroded In The U.S. Midwest

(From Science News)

With soils rich for cultivation, most land in the Midwestern United States has been converted from tallgrass prairie to agricultural fields. Less than 0.1 percent of the original prairie remains.

This shift over the last 160 years has resulted in staggering — and unsustainable — soil erosion rates for the region, researchers report in the March *Earth's Future*. The erosion is estimated to be double the rate that the U.S. Department of Agriculture says is sustainable. If it continues unabated, it could significantly limit future crop production, the scientists say.

In the new study, the team focused on erosional escarpments — tiny cliffs formed through erosion — lying at boundaries between prairie and agricultural fields (SN: 1/20/96). “These rare prairie remnants that are scattered across the Midwest are sort of a preservation of the pre-European-American settlement land surface,” says Isaac Larsen, a geologist at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

At 20 sites in nine Midwestern states, with most sites located in Iowa, Larsen and colleagues used a specialized GPS system to survey the altitude of the prairie and farm fields. That GPS system “tells you where you are within about a centimeter on Earth’s surface,” Larsen says. This enables the researchers to detect even small differences between the height of the prairie and the farmland.

At each site, the researchers took these measurements at 10 or more spots. The team then measured erosion by comparing the elevation differences of the farmed and prairie land. The researchers found that the agricultural fields were 0.37 meters below the prairie areas, on average.

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Beyond Meat To Settle Investor Lawsuit

(From Meatingplace.com)

As part of an ongoing legal battle, Beyond Meat has agreed to pay \$515,000 in attorneys' fees and make changes to its corporate governance to settle consolidated lawsuits filed by common stockholders over a separate — and still ongoing — court battle with former co-manufacturer Don Lee Farms, according to a notice to the company's stockholders.

The stockholders' filing alleged that Beyond Meat neglected to provide Don Lee Farms — which is also a USDA-inspected meat, poultry and veal processor — with pertinent safety information, wrongly terminated a supply agreement with the co-packer, and shared Don Lee Farm's trade secrets with other manufacturers. The complaint also alleged that Beyond Meat failed to disclose information about its legal dispute with Don Lee Farms ahead of the company's 2019 IPO.

Beyond Meat — the company and the executives named in the complaint — do not admit wrongdoing or liability, but have agreed to a settlement “in order to avoid the expense, distraction and uncertainty of litigation,” according to the investor release.

As part of the settlement, Beyond Meat will add a Risk Committee to its board to examine legal, ethical, operational and strategic risks. Information on the company's corporate whistleblower program and corporate governance will be posted on its website as well.

The underlying dispute between Beyond Meat and Don Lee Farms is still pending in California Superior Court. This legal battle began in 2017 when Don Lee Farms accused Beyond Meat of stealing its trade secrets, providing unusable and unsafe raw materials and failing to compensate Don Lee. Beyond Meat filed a counter suit against Don Lee Farms in 2020, alleging that Don Lee Farms failed to meet health and safety standards.



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- 6/03/2022 - Texas Bison Association Spring Conference - TX
- 6/17/2022 - Montana Bison Association - MT
- 6/18/2022 - NBA Regenerative Ranch Tour Workshop - Rugby, ND
- 6/23/2022 - Western Bison Association Spring meeting - UT
- 7/12/2022 - International Bison Conference - Saskatoon, SK
- 7/18/2022 - TNC Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Auction - Online
- 9/10/2022 - NBA Regenerative Ranch Tour Workshop - Mission, SD
- 11/9/2022 - Antelope Island State Park Bison Auction - Online
- 11/14/2022 - TNC Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Auction - Online
- 12/01/2022 - Western Bison Association Meeting and Show/Sale - UT
- 1/18/2023 - NBA Winter Conference - CO
- 1/21/2023 - NBA Gold Trophy Show and Sale - Denver, CO

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