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NBA Weekly Update for December 2, 2022

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The NBA's 2023 Fall Webinars are all wrapped up, but you don't need to worry if you missed it! All six presentations are available to watch in the member's area of bisoncentral.com in the Video Archives section.

While you're there, take in our many webinars, conference presentations, and other educational resources you have access to as an NBA member. The videos are available to all members here - <https://bisoncentral.com/publication/conference-presentations/>.

Special thanks to presenters Andy Larson, Erich Ehrlich, Chris Williams, Bob Wesley, Kaylee Kipp and Jud Seaman for sharing their time and knowledge!




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NBA represented in Canada, Minnesota, Kansas, and Utah

This week the National Bison Association is on the road!

Executive Director Jim Matheson provided an update on the US bison market and the association's current activities at the Canadian Bison Association's annual meeting in Regina, SK.

"It's always a treat to catch up with our friends and colleagues to the north!" said Matheson.

Communications Director Karen Conley is in Utah this weekend at the Western Bison Association's annual conference and bison auction where she'll also provide an NBA update to the conference attendees.

Program Manager Lydia Whitman caught the Minnesota Bison Association's "Bison 101" educational program last week and took in her first bison auction at the Legends of the Fall bison show and sale. She is attending the Kansas Buffalo Association auction this weekend to help work animals and provide an NBA update to sale attendees.

NBA Finalizes Winter Conference Panelists for three separate panel discussions

The National Bison Association Winter Conference will be January 18 – 21, 2023 in Westminster, Colorado. Under the theme of "Good for us, good for our planet", this year's Winter Conference is chock full of information that will enable you as a producer to raise and steward a healthy herd and market them effectively.

The Winter Conference will feature three panel discussions, all featuring veteran bison producers and marketers, as well as relative newcomers who will share their perspectives and experiences. These include a new panel that will focus on hauling and transporting

bison and will include haulers both large and small to teach you how to properly, and legally, transport your animals down the road, or across the country. We also will have a small producer's panel made up of producers with less than 50 head herds and which will be part of the mentor session, geared towards new producers. Finally, we'll have our annual bison marketer's panel that will feature both top commercial marketers, as well as smaller, direct-to-consumer marketers to share their perspective on the current bison marketplace and where they see it going. Don't miss out on this top-notch information!

[Registration is open](#) for the 2023 NBA Winter Conference. Register before December 18th and save \$25 in registration cost! Join the biggest bison gathering of the year where we'll gather, network, learn and celebrate the American bison!

Two days of top-notch educational programming, market updates, and amazing bison-themed meals, all concluding with our annual Gold Trophy Show and Sale (GTSS) bison auction at the National Western Stock Show on Saturday, January 21st. You won't want to miss out on this great opportunity!

Also, please be sure to book your deeply discounted Winter Conference lodging at the beautiful Westin Westminster hotel, details and links below:

[Click here to book your room without breakfast option – \\$139/night](#)

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Or call the Westin hotel directly at 303.410.5000, or Marriott reservations at 888.236.2427 and request the National Bison Association room block to reserve over the phone.

Join the Official NBA Member's Only Facebook Group

The NBA is a dynamic, growing organization that is receptive to new ideas and welcomes anyone with interest in the preservation, promotion and production of the great American Bison. This Facebook group is part of our commitment to the NBA members to support shared knowledge and innovation! We encourage members to use this Facebook Group to inquire about, and discuss, bison management and marketing topics of all kinds as well as cool bison photos, videos, handling facilities, etc. Our hope is to offer vetted answers to these questions from our vast network of bison experts. To join, please Facebook message @nationalbison and we'll get you added right away!



Latest Live Bison Auction Results Available to Active/Life Members

Based on recent live [auction results](#), quality is being rewarded at this year's sales and breeding animals are overall bringing good money. [Click here](#) for the most up-to-date data on bison auctions from around the country- a valuable resource available to all Active and Life Members.

Have animals you would like to sell? We are now taking consignments for the NBA's 2023 Gold Trophy Show and Sale (GTSS). Please see the details below and consign by next December 16th at <https://bisoncentral.com/2023-gold-trophy-show-and-sale-consignment-form/>.

We hope you can join the NBA at the new and improved National Western Stock Show for our annual breeding stock show and sale, which features some of the best breeding stock and genetics in the bison business.

For over forty years, the GTSS has provided a quality auction service for both buyers and sellers. This year's judges are longtime bison expert producers, Les Kroeger - Hanley, SK, and Dr. Gerald Parsons - Stratford, OK who bring decades of experience working with top-notch breeding animals and judging. Don't miss out on this great opportunity, consign to 2023 GTSS!

Once again, Buffaloheard Productions will be producing a full-color catalog for the event with advertising space available for anyone interested. Advertising does not necessarily have to be associated with the GTSS and presents a great opportunity to reach an engaged audience! Advertisements can be full color or black/white and pricing and availability are shown [here](#). The catalog will be available to attendees at the NBA Winter Conference as well as the live Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Additionally, it will be posted online on the NBA website for viewing and downloading in advance of the conference and auction. Advertisements are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Karen at (605) 381-3738 or buffheard@gmail.com to discuss your options.

Get all the details at <https://bisoncentral.com/gold-trophy-show-and-sale/>.

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MISSOURI BISON ASSOCIATION

FALL PRODUCTION SALE

Thursday, **December 8, 2022** - 11:00 A.M.
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Bison may hold key to resilience as climate change threatens Great Plains

From *The Derby Informer*

MANHATTAN — The prairie of the Great Plains evokes a certain image: A vast expanse of grasses stretching as far as the horizon.

And you can see plenty of those grasses swaying in the breeze along Interstate 70 through the Flint Hills.

But take a tour sometime of land grazed by bison and you'll see a strikingly different landscape.

The sheer variety and numbers of wildflowers that grace the hills near Manhattan where

scientists reintroduced these massive grazers more than three decades ago creates a parade of ever-changing blooms from spring through fall. Even the grasses are more varied here.

The scene is distinct from what you see looking out over a swath of ungrazed tallgrass. It's even different from cattle-grazed prairie.

The diversity carries implications for supporting pollinator populations and for resilience against global warming, Kansas State University researchers say.

Put simply, the wider range of plants on grazed land could help as a shifting climate brings higher temperatures and more severe droughts and downpours – changes that are all projected for Kansas.

As some plant species languish or even disappear, others in a richly diverse ecosystem could expand to fill gaps in the food chain.

"It's something we can call either the 'portfolio effect' or an 'insurance effect,'" biology professor Zak Ratajczak said. "By having a broader portfolio, the chance that we have one of these winning species in the future gets higher."

[Read more.](#)

Bison basics: Experts from Tanka Fund provide overview of what it takes to raise bison

From *Midwest Messenger Livestock Roundup*

Bison are tough creatures that can stand up to the brutal weather and rugged landscape of the prairie. Fencing and working facilities also need to be tough and sturdy for those raising commercial herds.

Three experts from the Tanka Fund shared their knowledge about what it takes to raise bison in a webinar ahead of National Bison Day in early November. The Tanka Fund is a nonprofit based on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Kyle, South Dakota, focused on restoring native prairie and returning buffalo to the land.

Fencing is one of the first things to consider when getting into bison. Female can weigh about 1,000 pounds. Males, more than twice that. A typical adult stands more than 6 feet tall, and they can jump 6 feet in the air.

The animals are harder to contain than cattle.

"Buffalo only go where they want to go," said Jennifer Malaterre, senior technical assistant for the Tanka Fund. "But if you go slow and steady and hold them quietly, they go pretty good."

[Read more.](#)

Bison proliferate as Native American tribes reclaim stewardship

From *The Guardian*

Perched atop a fence at Badlands national park, Troy Heinert peered from beneath his wide-brimmed hat into a corral where 100 wild bison awaited transfer to the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Descendants of bison that once roamed North America's Great Plains by the tens of millions, the animals would soon thunder up a chute, take a truck ride across South Dakota and join one of many burgeoning herds Heinert has helped re-establish on Native American lands.

Heinert nodded in satisfaction to a park service employee as the animals stomped their hooves and kicked up dust in the cold wind. He took a brief call from Iowa about another herd being transferred to tribes in Minnesota and Oklahoma, then spoke with a fellow trucker about yet more bison destined for Wisconsin.

By nightfall, the last of the American buffalo shipped from Badlands were being unloaded at the Rosebud reservation, where Heinert lives. The next day, he was on the road back to Badlands to load 200 bison for another tribe, the Cheyenne River Sioux.

[Read more..](#)

Strong prices reported for Agribition Bison Sale

From *Lacombe Online*

The Canadian Bison Association's Convention wrapped up with the National Sale at Agribition.

The video sale brought top dollars for some top quality animals.

The Grand Champion Male from Last Chance Bison Ranch sold for \$3200, while the Reserve Champion Male from Roaming K Bison Ranch at Foam Lake sold for \$5500. The top selling bull came from the Shale Creek Bison Ranch at Russell, Manitoba and sold for \$8000.

The Grand Champion Female came from Shale Creek Bison Ranch and sold for \$4100, while the Reserve Champion Female came from Prairieland Bison and sold for \$4000 to a buyer from Minnesota.

[Read more.](#)

No target set for annual Yellowstone bison cull; officials plan to negotiate further

From *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*

WEST YELLOWSTONE — After a full day of discussions, state, federal and Tribal authorities who manage Yellowstone bison jointly under an interagency plan did not agree to a target number of animals to cull from the overall population this winter, and instead agreed to negotiate the issue further.

"I don't know what to say, except that we're not going to set a population (target) this year," said Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Cam Sholly near the end of a Interagency Bison Management Plan meeting on Wednesday.

While the agencies did not reach a decision, they agreed to work toward maximizing bison hunting and trapping opportunities at the border of the park based on conditions.

[Read more.](#)

Ag Census promotes all types of agriculture

USDA- NASS December 1, 2022

The 2022 Census of Agriculture is now under way giving producers the opportunity to make a positive impact on their industry and community. Conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the Census is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them, providing an accurate picture of American agriculture.

The ag census is the nation's only comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state and county. Farm and commodity organizations, extension educators, agribusinesses, legislators at all levels of government, news media and many others routinely use data from the ag census for a wide variety of purposes. They use the information to:

- Promote the agricultural industry and track trends.
- Formulate, evaluate and propose policies and programs that help farmers.
- Identify services and determine where to locate facilities needed in rural communities.
- Allocate local and national funds for farm programs (including extension service projects, conservation programs, farm loan programs, beginning farmer programs, research, and land grant university funding).

Every response, no matter how large or small an operation may be, is important. Census information provides a voice for all farmers that will help shape the future of the industry and support rural communities. Producers can complete their census form online via a secure website at accounts.usda.gov or return their form by mail. Online reporting is fast and secure with time-saving features included. Federal law requires NASS to keep all individual information confidential. Completed forms are due by Feb. 6, 2023.

For more information, visit nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

USDOT rejects livestock haulers' hours of service exemption request

From Meatingplace

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) this week announced a decision to deny an application from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and other groups for an hours of service (HOS) rule exemption.

The request for an exemption, which FMCSA first published in February 2019, was made on behalf of drivers who transport livestock, insects and aquatic animals.

The applicants requested approval for drivers, after 10 consecutive hours off duty, to drive through the 16th consecutive hour after coming on duty, and to drive a total of 15 hours during that 16-hour period. FMCSA said it determined, after analyzing the application and public comments, that the exemption would not achieve a level of safety equal to the level achieved without such an exemption.

The HOS rule limits truckers to 11 hours of driving time and 14 consecutive hours of on-duty time in any 24-hour period, and requires prescribed rest periods. Waivers from the regulation were allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read more.](#)

Animal Ag Alliance releases reports from animal rights conferences

From Meatingplace

The Animal Agriculture Alliance has released reports from five prominent animal rights conferences held over the course of 2022.

The animal ag community is encouraged to be aware of key activist trends including undercover videos, marketing campaigns targeting human emotion, and legislative pressure, the alliance said Thursday in a news release.

The conferences included: Humane Society of the United States' Taking Action for Animals Conference held July 16-17; Rancher Advocacy Program's Summit held July 30; Animal

Place's Farmed Animal Conference E-Summit held Sept. 16-18; Animal Legal Defense Fund's (ALDF) Animal Law Symposium held Sept. 24; and ALDF and the Center for Animal Law Studies' Animal Law Conference held Nov. 4-6.

All 2022 animal rights activism conference reports, which include personal accounts of speaker presentations and general observations, are available to alliance members in the [Resource Center](#) on the alliance website.

[Source.](#)

Webinar: Reducing Woody Encroachment to Conserve Rangeland Production in the Great Plains

From *Gov Delivery*

Woody encroachment and associated large-scale collapse of rangeland in the Great Plains may contribute to increased wildfire events, declines in livestock production, heightened risks to water resources, and reduced biodiversity. On December 8 at 1:00 p.m. ET, Dr. Dirac Twidwell of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will present on the rapid adoption of new strategies to reduce woody encroachment on rangelands, driven by the emergence of new science documenting how woody plant expansion is causing nationwide declines in rangeland production.

This presentation will focus on new large-scale conservation efforts on working lands and will detail use of the Rangeland Analysis Platform, a tool that supports rangeland monitoring, decision-making, and more effective management. By effectively reducing woody encroachment, land managers across the Great Plains can restore and maintain healthy grasslands ecosystems and improve forage production.

No registration is required. For additional information, including a link to access the webinar, visit the [Conservation Outcomes Webinar webpage](#).

Free webinars and resources for producers on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

From *Gov Delivery*

USDA and our partners are offering a series of webinars for producers on the tax impacts of debt relief. The USDA-funded Agricultural Financial, Tax and Asset Protection (AgFTAP) project has organized two free webinars December 1 and 2 focused on the tax implications of debt forgiveness and potential strategies to reduce the taxes due. Producers can also join USDA and tax experts on Wednesday, December 21, at 3 p.m. Eastern for a free webinar about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), particularly tax consequences for program assistance as well as tax and farm management methods for producers to consider.

The IRA, signed in August 2022 by President Biden, provided \$3.1 billion for USDA to provide relief for distressed borrowers with certain Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct and guaranteed loans and to expedite assistance for those whose agricultural operations are at financial risk.

USDA has allocated up to \$1.3 billion for initial steps to help distressed borrowers. This includes both automatic and case-by-case assistance. Recipients of this initial assistance will receive an Internal Revenue Service Tax Form 1099-G from FSA if they receive payments of \$600 or more, which are subject to Federal and State Income Taxes. USDA is partnering with the University of Arkansas (agftap.org), the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee (ruraltax.org) and other partners to develop and deliver taxpayer education. Producers can visit farmers.gov/taxes and ruraltax.org to access educational resources on ag taxes as well as agftap.org to see online and in person ag tax trainings being offered nationwide and in their community.

[Register for the December 21 webinar here.](#)

farm crisis center

Even in the best of times, farming can be an incredibly high-stress occupation. Unpredictable weather, crop disease, volatile markets, heavy workloads, and social isolation are just a handful of the challenges that farmers may face.

These conditions force many family farmers and ranchers to make tough financial decisions that will impact their families, communities, and the entire country.

National Farmers Union compiled resources to help farmers through stressful times. Find them at:

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- 12/08/2022 - Missouri Bison Assn. Fall Production Auction - MO
- 12/15/2022 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 1/02/2023 - Prairie Legends Bison Webcast Auction - Online
- 1/07/2023 - Turner Bison Exchange Prairie Performance Simulcast Auction - SD
- 1/17/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 1/18/2023 - NBA Winter Conference - Westminster, CO
- 1/20/2023 - Larry Higgins Junior Bison Judging Contest - Denver, CO
- 1/21/2023 - NBA Gold Trophy Show and Sale - Denver, CO
- 2/02/2023 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference - SD

- 2/04/2023 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Simulcast Auction - SD
- 2/11/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction, Grande Prairie, AB/25/2023 - Online
- 2/24/2023 - Beltway Bison Consignment Auction - PA
- 2/25/2023 - MBA Great Spirit - Brandon, MB
- 3/09/2023 - Eastern Bison Association Winter Conference and Auction - PA
- 3/10/2023 - BPA Wildrose - Camrose, AB
- 3/11/2023 - Missouri Bison Assn. & Oklahoma Bison Assn. Show & Sale - MO
- 3/11/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction, Camrose, AB - online
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- 3/25/2023 - SBA Cream of the Crop - Yorkton, SK
- 3/30/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 4/27/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online

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