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NBA Weekly Update for December 9, 2022

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Google and Facebook Ad Campaigns in Full Swing



Keep an eye out for the Google Ad Campaign, "Eat Bison to Restore Bison." This campaign directs consumers to a landing page on the www.bisoncentral.com website and includes the links and logos of our marketer Growth Fund contributors,



The Fall NBA Membership drive is in full swing, with special rates for those renewing and signing up for the Winter Conference.

"Like" and "Share" the ads and posts so we can target producers

along with bison nutritional information, a link to our How to Cook Bison web page with cooking videos and recipes, and more.

Learn more at <https://bisoncentral.com/eat-bison-to-restore-bison/>.

The [NBA Growth Fund](#), composed of generous donations from marketers, make our bison education and outreach to producers and consumers possible.

and recruit the next generation of bison producers.

We're having some fun with this too- keep an eye out for Easter Egg posts- like Jim Matheson in his first ever rock video promo of the winter conference.

Now is the perfect time to renew or join NBA- and it's easy. Just call 303-292-2833 or go to www.bisoncentral.com.

Time is Running Out for Early Bird Discount

[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 before December 18th at the beautiful Westin Westminster hotel, details and links below:

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

[Click here to book your room with hot buffet breakfast included – \\$159/night \(\\$20/room – double occupancy\)](#)

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.



National Bison Association

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Gold Trophy Show & Sale and Junior

Judging @ National Western Stock Show
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Denver, CO 80216

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

7:30am – 4:00pm GTSS Animal check-in NWSS
8:00am – 4:00pm Business Meetings (Invite Only)
1:00pm – 3:00pm Exhibitor Setup
3:00pm – Conference Registration Opens
3:00pm – 6:00pm Trade Show Open
4:00pm – 6:00pm Foundation Welcome Reception

Thursday, January 19, 2023

7:30am – 5:00pm Conference Registration Open
8:00am – 6:00pm Trade Show Open
8:00am – 11:00am Mentor Session
Introduction: Jim Matheson
Infrastructure: Moritz Espy
Animal Needs: TBD
Small Producer Panel: Joe Graham, Liz Riffle, TBD
8:30am – 9:30am Turner Enterprises–Weaning Systems
Study: Tim Goodnight
9:30am – 10:30am Bison Cooking Demonstration
11:00am – 11:45am Bison Hauling Panel: Troy Heinert, Paul
Kolesar, Tim Omilusik
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch/ Video Contest Winners
1:00pm – 1:30pm Ken Burns Bison Documentary Trailer
1:30pm – 2:30pm Keynote–Massaging Landscapes to
Life: Nicole Masters
3:00pm – 4:00pm Turner Enterprises–Grain Vs. Grass
Study Results: Dr. Stephen Van Vliet, Lydia O'Sullivan
4:00pm – 5:00pm Annual Commercial & Direct Marketers'
Panel Discussion: Bob Dineen, Jessi Deardorf, TBD
5:30pm – 8:30pm Benefit Auction Dinner/ Member of the
Year Award

Friday, January 20, 2023

7:30am – 8:30am GTSS Consignor's Meeting
8:00am – 12:00pm Conference Registration Open
8:00am – 1:00pm Trade Show Open
8:00am – 9:00am NBA Voter Registration Open
9:00am – 12:00pm Junior Judging NWSS
9:30am – 10:00am NBA Elections
10:00am – 11:00am Reports: President, Financial, Executive
Director, Canadian Bison Association
11:00am – 12:00pm Center of Excellence in Bison Studies
Updates and Grant Project Presentations
12:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch NWSS
1:00pm – 4:00pm Media Day/Afternoon in the Yards NWSS
1:00pm – 4:00pm Exhibitor Cleanup
5:00pm – 6:00pm GTSS Banquet Social
6:00pm – 9:00pm GTSS Banquet Dinner and Center of
Excellence in Bison Studies Fundraiser

Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:00am – 9:30am Gold Trophy Show and Sale Judges'
Comments NWSS
10:00am – GTSS Live Bison Auction NWSS

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Adult: 1st- \$350, 2nd-\$250 3rd- \$125
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We Want Your Videos!

For the first time EVER, National Bison Association is offering a Bison Video Contest! Cash prizes will be awarded to Junior Youth (8-13), Senior Youth (14-18) and Adults (19+). We're looking for short videos- 30 seconds or less. Those eligible to participate: National Bison Association Members or children/ grandchildren of members and/or InterTribal Buffalo Council Members. Click for [Full contest rules](#).

One Week Left to Consign Animals to Gold

Trophy Show & Sale



Just one week remains to consign your top-quality bison breeding stock to the NBA's annual Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Please consign your GTSS entries by next Friday, December 16th at <https://bisoncentral.com/2023-gold-trophy-show-and-sale-consignment-form/>.

The 2023 GTSS will take place January 17 - 25 at the new and improved National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO. The GTSS features 9 classes of North America's finest breeding animals, which are judged and auctioned on January 21st with live and online bidding available.

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.

The mission of the Gold Trophy Show and Sale is to create an environment where producers can compete to establish the value of their bison in the current marketplace.

2023 Classes and Entry Fees:

2 Year Old Bred Heifer ('20) – \$110
Pen of 2 – 2 Year Old Bred Heifers ('20) – \$250
Yearling Heifers ('21) – \$110
Pen of 3 Yearling Heifers ('21) – \$200
Pen of 5 Heifer Calves ('22) – \$300
Heifer Calves ('22) – \$110
Two Year Old Bull ('20) – \$110
Yearling Bull ('21) – \$110
Bull Calf ('22) – \$110

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

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.

Junior Judging at Winter Conference

Friday, January 20, 9am the Larry Higgins Bison Junior Judging event will begin at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado.

A great partnership and loved tradition, the annual Bison Junior Judging competition held in conjunction with the National Bison Association Winter Conference and Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Students get the opportunity to test

their bison knowledge- and compete for thousands in scholarship money.

Contestants judge four classes of bison and provide oral reasons on one class, as selected by the judges. Rocky Mountain Bison Association has registration open right now for ages 8 - 21 years of age. Registration is free. Everyone participates individually and is eligible to earn a scholarship. Additional recognition is provided for the top three registered teams and the top three junior participants (12 years of age or younger).

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The Larry Higgins

Bison Junior Judging Contest

Friday, January 20, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Hosted by the National Bison Association (NBA) and Rocky Mountain Bison Association (RMBA). Held in conjunction with the Gold Trophy Show & Sale during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colorado.

Top 3 Individuals Earn a Scholarship

1st - \$1,500

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2nd - \$1,200

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3rd - \$900

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Scholarships will be awarded to the top three scoring individuals and paid to the higher education school of their choice.

Contest Highlights

- Participants will judge four classes of bison and provide oral reasons on one class, as selected by the judges
- Everyone participates individually and is eligible to earn a scholarship. Additional recognition will be provided for the top three registered teams and the top three junior participants (12 years of age or younger)
- No entry fees
- Open to individuals 8 to 21 years old who are academically eligible (i.e. passing all classes)
- NBA/RMBA membership not required, but available

Participants are encouraged to review information on Livestock Evaluation/Judging and Oral Reasons to prepare for the contest. Resources are available via a web search or by contacting your local FFA or 4H chapter. (Membership to these organizations is not required.)

How to Enter

Register online at <https://bit.ly/3ePi8gw> or in-person. (Day-of registrants are asked to check-in earlier than 9 a.m.)

The contest will be held in The Yards at the NWSS, by the bison pens. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented around 12 noon.

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For more information: Contact Jim Matheson at jim@bisoncentral.com or 303-292-2833.



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NBA would like to join the Minnesota Bison Association to express our sincere condolences to the families of two former members. Harold Schroeder of Becker, Minnesota, and Daniel McFarland of Fredericksburg, Iowa, both passed away last week.

Harold raised bison for 25 years in central Minnesota. He sold his last remaining animals a few years ago. You can read Harold's obituary by [clicking here.](#)

Daniel McFarland brought home his first bison in 1993. Their family has been raising the animal on the same farm ever since. Daniel's daughter, Martha McFarland, currently serves as the treasurer and director-at-large on the MnBA Board of Directors. [Click here](#) to view Daniel's obituary.

Again, we offer our sympathies to the families of Harold and Daniel. May they rest in peace.

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Food Inflation 2023, Sylvain Testifies and Special Guest Kelly Long, CEO, Noble Premium Bison

From *The Food Professor Podcast*

An action-packed episode as we get the story behind the story of the latest edition, the 13th, of Canada's Food Price Report, plus hear all about Sylvain's day testifying in Ottawa in front of the parliamentary committee on the cost of food along with a whole cast of characters, and our special guest for this episode is Kelly Long, CEO of Noble Premium Bison.

[Listen here.](#)

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

From *Ag Update*

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.”

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Billy the Bison Debacle Heads to Court

From *Patch*

LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES, IL — The saga of Billy the Bison started in [September 2021](#) when the massive animal broke free while being transferred to a farm in Wauconda and has now landed in Lake County courts.

Scott Comstock, co-owner of Milk & Honey Farmstead in Wauconda, is scheduled for a bench trial in the case based on allegations he allowed the animal to wander and graze on Lake County Forest Preserve District property. That bench trial is set for Feb. 6.

Meanwhile, Comstock and his attorney, David Spada, have appeared for a handful of hearings regarding the animal in recent months. Comstock is accused of violating a forest preserve ordinance, which makes it illegal to bring or allow to remain any cows, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock — including bison — on forest preserve property, according to court documents.

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Fridays on the Farm: Striving for Plant Diversity in Nebraska

By Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, FSA, Nebraska

This Friday meet Randy and Dayna Klawitter of Verdigre, Nebraska, where they raise corn, alfalfa, and hay, and manage their small cow and bison herds. The couple acquired the land from Randy's father in the early 1990s and started building the operation from scratch. With a degree in agronomy, Randy knows his native plant species and works hard to ensure the plants that emerge on the property will benefit local wildlife.

"I like plant diversity, it's one of my favorite things," Randy said. "This is a very dry area with little rain, so we have to stay on top of things to make sure invasives don't take over."

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State Downsizes Bison Hunt After a Third of Delta Herd Starves to Death

From *KUAC Fairbanks*

Alaska's longest and most popular hunting season ended early this year. The Delta Junction bison hunt usually extends from October to March, but the state limited this year's season to just two weeks, and only 50 animals were taken, because last winter's heavy snow and ice buildup wiped out nearly a third of the Delta bison herd.

The Delta bison hunt is by far the most popular for any game species in the state. Hunters submitted more than 44,000 applications last year in hope of drawing a permit to harvest one of 120 animals the state had planned to make available this year.

"That's definitely the highest ever," says Bob Schmidt, the state Department of Fish and Game Delta-area wildlife biologist.

Schmidt says state managers had to rethink their plan for this year's hunt after finding out that about 180 bison, or nearly a third of the 600-animal herd, died of starvation last winter. That's three times the number they estimated last spring. He says they weren't able to eat because storms dumped an almost impenetrable layer snow and ice atop the grass and sedges that bison feed on with.

"Last winter was a winter like we've never seen," he said. "And it was really the rainstorm right after Christmas that was really hard on wildlife across much of Interior Alaska, and particularly bison."

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Game Time: From Grouse and Partridge to Venison and Bison

From *Forbes*

I've been asked often enough what the greatest meal of my life was, so I've considered the question and come up with the answer: It was a plump grouse roasted rare with green cabbage and a syrupy reduction of red wine, served to me at a long-gone restaurant in London.

Never having had grouse before, I was wholly unprepared for the riveting flavor of its meat, a deep, dark wild taste mingled with the red wine that just gushed over my tongue.

I remember every bite. Game can do that to the receptive palate.

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Early Western Snowpack Above Normal for Most Areas

From *USDA NRCS Gov Delivery*

The Natural Resources Conservation Service produces this weekly report using data and products from the National Water and Climate Center and other agencies. The report focuses on seasonal snowpack, precipitation, temperature, and drought conditions in the U.S.

The early season snowpack in the West is currently normal to above normal for most of the region. The highest snowpacks of above 150% of median are in the Great Basin, Sierra Nevada and southern Cascade Range, the Milk River of Montana, and the upper Yukon River in Alaska. The Southwest has below- to much-below normal snowpack for this early time of the winter season. Another severe storm system is forecasted for the coming days to drop additional heavy snow across most of the region.

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US lagging Europe in efforts to cut antibiotics in livestock

By Chris Dall, *CIDRAP News*

A new report indicates the United States is far behind Europe in its efforts to reduce antibiotic use in livestock.

Using veterinary antibiotic sales data from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Medicines Agency, the issue brief from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) shows a much larger decline in raw sales of antibiotics for livestock in Europe (42.9%) than in the United States (27.3%) from 2011 to 2020. In addition, the intensity of antibiotic use on European farms has fallen more dramatically, declining by 43.2%, compared with 30.4% in the United States.

The author of the report says the findings highlight the steps that have been taken by European officials to promote and legislate better animal health and more judicious antibiotic use in food-producing animals and the need for similar action by US officials.

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Thompson named chair of House Agriculture Committee

From *Meatingplace.com*

House Republicans have selected Glenn "GT" Thompson, R-Pa., to serve as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Thompson will lead efforts to pass a new farm bill next year, after Republicans gained a majority position in the House.

First elected to the House in 2008, Thompson has a background in dairy farming and has served on the Agriculture Committee for more than a decade. The Pennsylvania State University and Temple University graduate also spent 28 years as a therapist, rehabilitation services manager and nursing home administrator.

Outgoing Agriculture Committee Chairman David Scott, D-Ga., offered his congratulations to Thompson.

"Heading into the 2023 Farm Bill, I am hopeful and prayerful that the collegial spirit will continue and that the Agriculture Committee will be able to deliver a farm bill with strong Republican and Democratic bipartisan support," Scott said in a statement.

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Price check: Grocery inflation begins to slow

From: *Meatingplace.com*

Food inflation at the retail level is stabilizing, though grocery prices are still sharply higher than a year ago at up 13.2% in November, according to a [report out Thursday from IRI](#).

Over the past three months, price gains have leveled off, the analytics and data provider said. Food-at-home inflation is up 0.3% in November from October, the slowest monthly rise seen all year.

Within the store, perimeter areas such as the deli and produce departments have seen inflation moderate to 8.2% versus a year ago, while categories including snacks and frozen meals at the center of the store steadied in November at 14.9%, IRI reported.

Inflation varied significantly by category, with fresh meat and seafood up just 4.3% from a year ago while dairy climbed 23.4% and bakery increased 18.4%.

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Rural Veterinary Shortages Create Risks for U.S. Food System, New Study Says

By *Farm Journal Foundation*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. is facing an alarming shortfall of veterinarians to treat livestock and poultry in rural areas, threatening public health, food safety, and economic growth in communities that depend on agriculture, according to a new report commissioned by Farm Journal Foundation.

More than 500 counties across the U.S. have shortages of food animal veterinarians, according to the report, authored by Cornell University's Dr. Clinton Neill. Today, only about 3-4% of new veterinary school graduates pursue livestock or other food-animal practice areas, a stark decline from 40 years ago when about 40% of graduates specialized in this area. Shortages stem from several factors, including high levels of education debt that have outpaced potential earnings, especially in the rural U.S. This is encouraging more veterinarians to pursue companion animal practices and work in urban

and suburban areas where incomes are often higher.

"The decline in food animal veterinarians in rural areas heightens concerns for a number of risks, including food safety threats, animal disease outbreaks, the potential passing of animal diseases to human populations, and decreasing rural economic growth," Dr. Clinton Neill said. "In essence, veterinarians protect the whole of the human and animal population, so it is critical that we have a strong pipeline of practitioners to work in rural areas."

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USDA Study Shows Types of Cover Crops Used on Major Crop Acreages

From *Ag Fax*

Farmers add cover crops to a rotation to provide living, seasonal soil cover between the planting of two cash (commodity) or forage crops. Including cover crops in a rotation can provide benefits such as improved soil health and water quality, weed suppression, and reduced soil erosion.

Data from the field-level USDA Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) provide information on which cover crops were grown in the fall before planting corn, cotton, and soybeans. Cover crop mixes account for 18 to 25 percent of acres with cover crops. However, the use of single-species cover crops is more common. For corn fields in 2021, almost 75 percent of acres with cover crops used a grass or small grain cover crop, such as cereal rye, winter wheat, or oats.

At 44 percent of acreage, cereal rye was almost twice as common as winter wheat (27 percent) as the cover crop on corn for grain fields. Rye and winter wheat were also the most common cover crops on soybean fields in 2018. Winter wheat was the most common cover crop used on cotton fields in 2019.

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Why Participate in the Ag Census?

From *Iowa Soybean Association*

Who receives the Census of Agriculture?

The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of all U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. A farm is defined as any operation that produces and sells or would normally sell \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the Census year. Government payments are also included in the \$1,000, so some individuals with acres enrolled in conservation programs may meet the USDA definition of a farm. The USDA is sending out 2.8 million Census forms across the nation.

How often do you send the Census of Agriculture?

The Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years for years ending in 2 and 7 (2022, 2027, etc). An invitation to respond online to the Census was mailed on November 22. A paper questionnaire will be mailed on December 13.

How long is the Census of Agriculture? How much time will it take to complete?

The amount of time necessary to complete the Census will depend on the complexity of the operation. Producers who choose to fill out the Census online will also benefit from being able to automatically skip questions that do not apply to their operation. The paper questionnaire is 24 pages long and we estimate the form will take on average 50 minutes including time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing the questionnaire.

What kind of questions can I expect from the Census of Agriculture?

The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income, and expenditures. This comprehensive look at operations provides data

that can best help serve American agriculture.

Why should I complete the Census of Agriculture?

The Census of Agriculture provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation. This data is used by those who serve farmers and rural communities. Ag producers can use Census data make informed decisions about their own operations, from production practices to marketing.

What if I don't want participate?

Every response is important and makes the data stronger. We believe that when producers understand the benefits to them and their communities, they will want to take part. If we do not hear from an individual producer, we will follow up by mail, telephone, and sometimes personal visits.

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Trends and Variability in Farm Earnings and Non-Farm Earnings

From *Iowa Farm Bureau*

U.S. farm income looks to put in another strong year in 2022. The USDA is currently forecasting 2022 to be the highest net farm income year in history. Adjusting for inflation, only 1973, 2013, and 2021 would be better years if the current forecast is realized.

Record years are great, especially for income statements and financial sheets. However, those in the agricultural sector understand farming carries a substantial amount of variability and good years like 2021 and 2022 likely won't be the norm.

We can see the variability in the farming economy by looking at some earnings data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Earnings for multiple industries are reported by BEA. Earnings include:

- Wages and Salaries
- Supplements to wages and salaries including employer contributions to pensions, insurance, and government social insurance
- Proprietor income

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Texas Conservation Incentive Contracts

Applications should be submitted by January 6, 2023, to be considered for the 2023 ranking funding period.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is announcing the Fiscal Year 2023 funding signup for Conservation Incentive Contracts (CIC), a new option available through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). EQIP-CIC expands resource benefits for Texas producers through incentive conservation practices such as wildlife management, cover crops, nutrient management, conservation crop rotations, and prescribed grazing.

Additionally, EQIP-CIC allows producers to target priority resource concerns on their property by offering incentive payments for a five-year contract without needing to enroll the entire operation into the program. EQIP-CIC is designed to be a stepping-stone between EQIP and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), to help producers improve their level of conservation and earn benefits of longer-term conservation enhancements.

A Piney Woods Restoration Initiative is available for applicants in East Texas to help restore declining Piney Woods Habitat. A Climate Smart Agriculture and Wildlife Initiative is available statewide, prioritizing applications that address wildlife habitat and climate

smart agriculture practices as well as addressing resource concerns on expired Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands.
From *Iowa Farm Bureau*

[Learn more.](#)

Request for Proposals for Farmers for Soil Health

The submission deadline for full proposals is February 28, 2023.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in partnership with the Farmers for Soil Health collaboration, anticipates awarding competitive grants to accelerate the voluntary adoption of cover crops on corn and soybean farms in 20 states.

NCAT is a partner in this project. The program is expected to award approximately \$15 million in grants in 2023. Applicants should propose state-level or multi-state programs to support Farmers for Soil Health in one or more of the 20 eligible states.

Grantees are limited to state corn, soy, or pork commodity affiliate organizations or their designated partners.

[Learn more.](#)

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:

<https://farmcrisis.nfu.org/>

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- 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
- 3/11/2023 - Irish Creek Bull Sale - Camrose, AB
- 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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