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NBA Weekly Update for February 11, 2022

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USDA Solicits Bids for 200,000 lbs. of Bison Meat for FDPIR

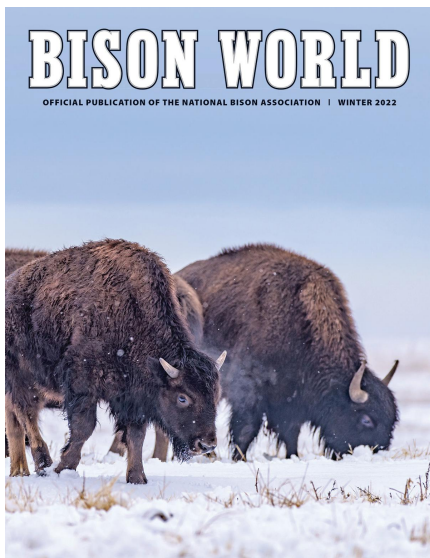
USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service today issued a solicitation for 200,000 lbs. of ground bison meat to be utilized in the Food Distribution Program to Indian Reservations between May and September.

Bids for the five loads of 40,000 lbs. each are due by February 25th, and the awards will be announced by March 8th. Only processors currently approved as USDA vendors are eligible to bid on this solicitation.

Dave Carter, NBA executive director, noted, "USDA is indicating that they will be issuing periodic solicitations throughout the year for delivery into FDPIR, so I encourage processors to take the steps necessary to become an approved vendor.

"The AMS Commodity Procurement officials are also working with the NBA, and with marketers, to make adjustments in the procurement specification requirements to more accurately reflect the logistics within the bison processing sector, and the biology of our animals," Carter added.

Please send questions to dcarter@bisoncentral.com.



Winter Bison World Magazine Now Available Online

One of the perks of NBA membership is access to the Bison World magazine before the printed copies arrive in the mail! Production on the Winter issue has wrapped up and it is now available on the website here: [Bison World](#). You will need to log in to the member area to access the magazine.

The flipbook version of the magazine can be viewed right on your computer. Handy links allow you to open it into a new window, make it larger, and even magnify certain features. The realistic page-turning sounds make it feel like you are reading the printed version of the magazine. We are also incorporating links that will take you directly to websites and other areas of

interest. Hover and click over links or ads to enable this feature.

The hard copy magazine is currently being printed and will mail shortly, along with our annual printed Membership Directory.

Advertising Opportunities in the Spring Issue of Bison World

Production is underway on the Spring issue of the Bison World magazine.

Within the pages of our Spring magazine, there are a variety of advertising options available, from 1/8 page all the way to full page. Lifetime and Active NBA members will enjoy discounted rates as part of their membership perks and contract holders can receive a 5% discount for pre-paid advertising. Karen can work with you to tailor an advertising campaign that fits your budget and targets your message!

The advertising space reservation deadline is Monday, February 21 with final materials being due by Wednesday, February 23. Editorial submissions and suggestions are welcome at any time but will also be subjected to the same deadline for this Spring issue.

For more information about editorial submissions or advertising your ranch, business or events, contact Karen@bisoncentral.com or call (605) 381-3738.

Tammi Cooley Obituary

Tammi Kae Cooley was born to Quentin and Sherry (Leidle) Van Orman on May 25, 1967, in Hot Springs, South Dakota and received her angel wings on January 20, 2022. She was the first baby to be born in the new Southern Hills General Hospital in Hot Springs. She was welcomed by an older sister, Kristi and her younger brother, Scott, joined their family in 1969. Tammi attended the Hot Springs school district and graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1985.

Following graduation in 1985 she enlisted in the United States Army and after basic training, she was stationed in Germany. After returning from Germany, she was stationed in Ft. Polk, LA where she married Jimmy Roundtree and welcomed their son, Edward (Eddie), on July 10, 1988. Tammi and Eddie returned to South Dakota to be closer to family prior to her deployment to Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

Tammi and Eddie relocated to Orlando, FL in 1998. She was married to Jim Cooley on March 20, 1999. Jim adopted Eddie and Eddie changed his name to Jeffrey (Jay) Cooley. Following Tammi and Jim's divorce, Tammi and Jay moved back to Hot Springs in 2003. She reenlisted in the Army in 2008, served during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2010 and was honorably discharged in 2012.

Tammi had an immense love for not only her son, Jay, but for her huskies. Tammi had both an associate's and bachelor's degree in accounting from WDTI and NAU, respectively. At the time of her death, Tammi resided in Rapid City and was the Executive Director at the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

She will be deeply missed by her son, Jay Cooley of Rapid City, her parents, Quentin and Sherry Van Orman of Hot Springs, sister, Kristi Spitzer of Hot Springs, brother Scott (Leslie) Van Orman of Lander, WY, niece, Hayley Merkel of Groton, SD, nephew, Tobie (Danny Mikimoto) Spitzer of La Habra, CA, great-nephew, Mac Merkel of Groton, SD and numerous extended family. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Don and Barbara Van Orman and Jake and Alpha Leidle.

[Source.](#)

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Yellowstone National Park holds meetings on bison plan update

(From The Bozeman Daily Chronicle)

An [update to the Interagency Bison Management Plan](#) between Yellowstone National Park, the state of Montana and multiple tribal nations is in the works, and the proposed options all call for increased efforts to send disease-free bison to tribal lands.

Yellowstone National Park held two virtual public meetings to share information and answer questions about the plan's preliminary alternatives on Wednesday and Thursday. People can submit comments on them until Feb. 28.

Cam Sholly, superintendent of Yellowstone, said at Wednesday's meeting that the park's bison population is sitting at around 5,500, and the numbers are some of the highest they've been since 1872.

"I think that's a success," he said. "We've done that and we've shown that we can manage higher population numbers and still address concerns the state has around brucellosis and bison conflicts."

Officials first signed the Interagency Bison Management Plan in 2000 as part of an agreement to conserve wild Yellowstone bison while protecting Montana's livestock industry from the economic consequences of a brucellosis transmission.

[Read more.](#)

Ninth Circuit urged to cull Montana bison hunt

(From Courthouse News Service)

(CN) — For the last decade, the government has allowed an annual bison hunt in a tiny gulch outside Yellowstone National Park that kills nearly 10% of Yellowstone’s wild bison population. And the hunt happens just outside the park, in a neighborhood where people say bullets whiz past their homes.

Bison migrate out of Yellowstone National Park each winter, searching for grass and forage. Based on an Interagency Bison Management Plan developed in 2000, the state of Montana and the federal government encourage hunters to kill migrating bison in Beattie Gulch, an area adjacent to the park, before the animals range into cattle ranching territory. But that hunt has grown over the years, far exceeding the 85 bison initially approved for hunting each year. Now, the government allows the killing of 486 bison per year. All in a quarter-square-mile area at the mouth of Beattie Gulch.

Bonnie Lynn, founder of Neighbors Against Bison Slaughter, owns two cabins in a condominium complex along the Yellowstone River, just across the road from where the annual hunt happens. She says in her [lawsuit](#) against federal defendants including the National Park Service that she is scared she or her family could be killed by flying bullets.

[Read more.](#)

Bison herd demolishes car, terrorizes driver; ‘they ran right over me’

(From For the Win)

A bison herd trapped between vehicles heading in opposite directions and surrounded by dangerous icy snow along a snow-covered Alaskan road faced a no-way-out situation. After pausing, the herd turned around and stormed toward the headlines illuminating the roadway and terrorized the driver. The result was not pretty.

Kurt Schmidt was videotaping the encounter and, though it was dark and you don’t see the destruction taking place, you definitely hear it. Make sure to turn up the volume.

See the video at <https://ftw.usatoday.com/2022/02/bison-herd-demolishes-car-terrorizes-driver-they-ran-right-over-me>

You can hear Schmidt say in the video, “They just trashed that truck.”

Once the herd moved on, the driver in the demolished car approached Schmidt’s vehicle.

“How do you like my car?” the driver said.

“Yeah, what happened?” Schmidt replied. “I heard that.”

“The buffalo took out my car,” the driver said.

“Where did they hit you?” Schmidt said. “They ran right up your hood?”

“They ran right over me,” the driver said.

[Read more.](#)

Build a Bison, or Die Trying

(From Texas Monthly)

As recently as two hundred years ago, surviving wild herds of American bison

roamed as far south through Texas as the state's coastal prairie. They had been a keystone species from Canada to Mexico for millennia, and their grazing, pooping, and **wallowing** helped build fertile soil and supported many other species, including migrating birds.

Artist Cindee Klement has packed that story into *Endangered Knowledge: The Soul of Humus*, a life-size, eight-hundred-pound replica of a grazing male bison with a hide of clay topsoil and a shaggy coat of locally sourced native grasses, seeds, and pods. Created for last fall's Sculpture Month Houston biennial, the piece remains serendipitously corralled deep within the Silos at Sawyer Yards as a companion to a new, climate-themed show, "**Blue Norther**," which is on view through March 26.

As often happens with her large-scale works, Klement created *Endangered Knowledge* without planning where she would put it when the first show ended in December. The sculpture is about eleven feet long by six feet high, but if she were to worry beforehand about how to store her monumental sculptures, she would never have the courage to make them, she says. The hive of dark, dank, and cylindrical silos, built in 1960 to store rice within a Riviana Foods complex near downtown Houston, is an unusual setting for land art. It's also weirdly appropriate for Klement's sculpture, since the building is a relic of industrial agriculture, a symbol of the large-scale land practices that have depleted the earth's soils.

In her artist's statement, Klement calls historic bison herds the first "farm equipment" and "massive roaming composters." Her beast appears to have left a trail of dung through two of the silos. She hauled the dung to Houston from **Roam Ranch**, a multispecies, regenerative agriculture operation near Fredericksburg she has visited frequently to study bison and experience hands-on time with the animals. She had the dung bronzed, to both emphasize its importance and eliminate the smell. The piece also includes several bronze sculptures of birds, whose forms Klement built from seeds, grass, and wax. She depicts the birds pecking at the dung and perched on the bison's shoulders to suggest the symbiotic relationships that are still apparent at places such as Roam Ranch, where red-winged blackbirds, meadowlarks and cattle egrets coexist with the **livestock**. Birds eat seeds in the dung, pick pests from bison coats, and using the animals' hair to build strong nests, she explains.

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The Breathtaking Park in Iowa Where You Can Watch Wild Elk and Bison Roam

(From Onlyinourstate.com)

Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City, Iowa, located just half an hour east of Des Moines, is an excellent place to spend the day for many reasons. It's got a well-organized interpretive center filled with fascinating tidbits about Iowa's history and ecology.

It's home to multiple trails that traverse a variety of terrain. But perhaps most remarkable of all, it's one of the few places in Iowa where it's still possible to spot wild elk and bison free ranging on a vast, beautiful, 800-acre prairie.

During these uncertain times, please keep safety in mind and consider adding destinations to your bucket list to visit at a later date.

[Source.](#)

Ag Groups Seek Halt to WOTUS Rewrite in Light of SCOTUS Review

(From AgriPulse)

Just stop.

That's the message agricultural groups have for the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers as they seek to come up with a new definition of "waters of the U.S."

In comments submitted to the agencies, numerous farm groups and state ag agencies cited the Supreme Court's recent decision to consider whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit "set forth the proper test for determining whether wetlands are 'waters of the United States' under the Clean Water Act."

The timing of the court's grant of certiorari in a case involving two Idaho landowners means oral arguments will likely happen this spring with a decision to follow a few months later.

"Given the Supreme Court's recent decision to revisit the agencies' proper scope of jurisdiction under the [Clean Water Act], the agencies should pause this rulemaking until after the court rules," the American Farm Bureau Federation and other prominent farm groups said in their comments.

And the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture said following the Supreme Court's decision, EPA and the Corps will have to begin a new rulemaking.

"It is neither an effective use of agency resources to continue consideration of a proposed definition that may be invalidated by the Sackett decision, nor is it fair to regulated stakeholders," the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Public Lands Council and affiliated groups said in their comments.

"Such action by the agencies only further proliferates the regulatory whiplash that stakeholders have unfortunately come to expect with WOTUS," NCBA said, using the shorthand for "waters of the U.S." and asking the agencies to halt their work.

USDA to Spend \$1 Billion to Promote Climate-Smart Agriculture

(From AgWeb)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will invest \$1 billion in pilot projects that promote farming, ranching and forestry practices that cut greenhouse gas emissions or capture and store climate-warming carbon, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack told Reuters.

The agency announced the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities program on Monday.

The program will tap funds from the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation, which provides up to \$30 billion annually from the U.S. Treasury to help stabilize agricultural product prices and support farm income.

The investment is the latest Biden administration initiative aimed at combating climate change, with a goal to cut the farm sector's greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and put the United States on a path to net-zero emissions by 2050.

Qualified projects could include initiatives that cut or capture methane emissions on dairy farms or programs which expand the use of farming practices that soak up more climate-warming carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the soil.

Expanding such practices could raise the value of U.S. farm products as food companies and exporters increasingly push to decarbonize their supply chains, Vilsack said.

"We think there is an emerging opportunity here, as consumers demand more sustainably produced food here in the United States and certainly in the export market," he told Reuters in an interview.

Some climate-focused initiatives have struggled to scale up as costs often exceed returns.

"This program ... can essentially reduce the risk to farmers so that they can learn how to do it and see the positive results," Vilsack said.

Crisis At Canadian Border Crossings Intensifies

(From Meatingplace.com)

The "Freedom Convoy" demonstrations at Canadian/U.S. border crossings have intensified this week and continue to cause havoc for trade between the nations.

Originally [launched in late January](#), the demonstrations involve trucker convoys that are blocking crossings to protest vaccine mandates from the Canadian government. The blockades began at Coutts, Alberta, and the Canadian capitol of Ottawa, and according to reports from various news outlets, [have now expanded](#) to Detroit's Ambassador Bridge, which accounts for 27% of all trade between the U.S. and Canada.

According to [tweets](#) from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the convoy has closed the Ambassador Bridge exit ramps to Canada, and the agency is advising truckers to instead use Port Huron. That redirect, however, is causing significant backups at Blue Water Bridge, and [MDOT notes](#) that the current wait times are now greater than 90 minutes for commercial vehicles.

Passed on Jan. 15, the Canadian government's federal mandate requires unvaccinated truckers to quarantine upon returning home from U.S.-bound trucking routes.

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Ag Exports, Including Beef, Pork, Poultry, At Record Highs: USDA

(From Meatingplace.com)

The American agricultural industry in 2021 posted its highest annual export levels ever recorded, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced this week.

USDA's [data shows exports](#) of consumer-oriented beef and beef products totaled \$10.6 billion, up 39% from a year ago; pork and pork products totaled 8.1 billion, up 5%; and poultry meat and products totaled \$5.3 billion, up 24%. All three categories reached record-high levels.

The final 2021 trade data published by the Department of Commerce shows that exports of all U.S. farm and food products to the world totaled \$177 billion, topping the 2020 total by 18% and exceeding the previous record, set in 2014, by 14.6%, USDA said.

The United States' [top 10 export markets](#) all saw gains in 2021, with six of the 10 – China, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, the Philippines and Colombia – setting new records, according to USDA.

China remained the top export destination, with a record \$33 billion in purchases, up 25% from 2020, while Mexico moved ahead of Canada to capture the No. 2 spot with a record \$25.5 billion, up 39% from last year.

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MI State Veterinarian Statement on Oscoda County Bovine Tuberculosis Positive Herd

(From MDARD Press Release)

Michigan State Veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM, this week released the following statement due to the discovery of a bovine tuberculosis (TB) positive herd in Oscoda County:

"Bovine TB was recently confirmed in an Oscoda County dairy herd, located in Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ). On January 25, 2022, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the presence of the disease in one of the animals from this herd.

As with all findings of bovine TB in a cattle herd, additional testing will be done to ensure the remaining animals are healthy; and if any other infected animals are present, they will be removed.

An epidemiologic investigation is being conducted to help determine the source of infection and rule out the possibility of additional cases stemming from the affected herd."

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APHIS Launches New Interactive Map for Federally Approved Livestock Markets

(From USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Bulletin)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has launched a new interactive map* that displays all federally approved livestock markets in the United States.

The interactive map allows users to sort livestock markets by state and specific species serviced, and view contact information for each market. [*See: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/sa_livestock_markets/ct_approved_livestock_markets]

Livestock market details are displayed in a map view that includes full contact information for each market and a report view, both of which can be downloaded. Market information is updated daily.

[Source.](#)

Funding Opportunities

Ohio Beginning Farmer Pandemic Relief Microgrants

Applications are due by March 7, 2022.

Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association (OEFFA) is offering [Beginning Farmer Pandemic Relief Microgrants](#) from \$500 to \$5,000 to help new growers recover from the pandemic and build resilient farm businesses.

These grants are made possible thanks to funding from the USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. To be eligible, applicants must have been farming in Ohio between one and ten seasons and be engaged in ecological farming practices that protect the farm's natural resources.

[Read more.](#)

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Proposals are due by April 13, 2022.

USDA has up to \$225 million available for conservation partners through the [Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#) (RCPP). RCPP is a partner-driven program that

leverages collective resources to find solutions to address natural resource challenges on agricultural land. This year's funding announcements include opportunities for projects that address climate change, benefit historically underserved producers, and support urban agriculture.

There are two types of funding opportunities: RCPP Classic and RCPP Alternative Funding Arrangements (AFA). RCPP Classic projects are implemented using NRCS contracts and easements with producers, landowners and communities, in collaboration with project partners. Through RCPP AFA, partners have more flexibility in working directly with agricultural producers to support the development of new conservation structures and approaches that would not otherwise be available under RCPP Classic.

Funding is open to agriculture and silviculture associations, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, conservation districts and universities, among others.

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- 2/26/2022 - Jack Auction Group Video Bison Auction - Online
- 3/05/2022 - Rocky Mountain Bison Association's Spring Conference - CO
- 3/10/2022 - Eastern Bison Association Annual Conference - PA
- 3/12/2022 - Jack Auction Group Video Bison Auction - Online
- 3/18/2022 - Minnesota Bison Association Spring Meeting - MN
- 4/08/2021 - Illinois/Indiana Bison Association Spring Meeting - IN
- 4/21/2022 - Jack Auction Group Video Bison Auction - Online
- 5/26/2022 - Jack Auction Group Video Bison Auction - Online
- 7/12/2022 - International Bison Conference - Saskatoon, SK

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