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NBA Weekly Update for June 23, 2023

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NBA Hosts First 2023 Regenerative Ranching Field Day in Ohio



Sustainable Agriculture
Research and Education

Approximately 50 bison producers, presenters and enthusiasts are to gather in Thornville, Ohio on Saturday for the NBA's Regenerative Ranching Field Day, the first of three planned for 2023. NBA Region VII Director, Carie Starr will host at her Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch, a working regenerative bison operation.

The agenda is packed with practical information and education in bison farming east of the Mississippi River in a holistic manner. Attendees will enjoy a breakfast reception followed by a pasture and herd tour, as well as a handling facility tour, and that's just the morning. A delicious bison lunch will be followed by presentations from expert speakers that range from agritourism to silvopasture, and more.

Thanks to Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch and the Eastern Bison Association for hosting this great event.

Two more field days will take place this year, the next being July 9th at Sleepy Acres Bison in Sleepy Eye, MN, followed by our September 30th field day at JJ Bison in Baldwin, WI. See full agendas and register online at <https://bisoncentral.com/nba-conferences/>.

Thanks to the North Central Region Sustainable Ag Research and Education program at

the University of Minnesota for their support for the field day series.



Thanks to the 777 Bison Ranch for Hosting the Norther Summer Conference!

The NBA held it's first of three regional summer conferences last weekend at the famed 777 Bison Ranch in Rapid City, SD. With more spring moisture than in recent memory and plenty of red dogs on the ground, attendees were treated to an amazing event. The NBA also thanks the conference sponsors, and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association for hosting the Friday reception and dinner, where nearly \$13,000 was raised for the Anderson family with the auctioning of his Harley Davidson and which Bruce himself attended. Thanks too to Jud Seaman for conducting the auction, and all who bid.



See the full agenda for the next regional conference, the Western in Idaho and Oregon July 15 and 16, at <https://bisoncentral.com/nba-conferences/>.

Bison World Advertising Opportunities for Fall Edition

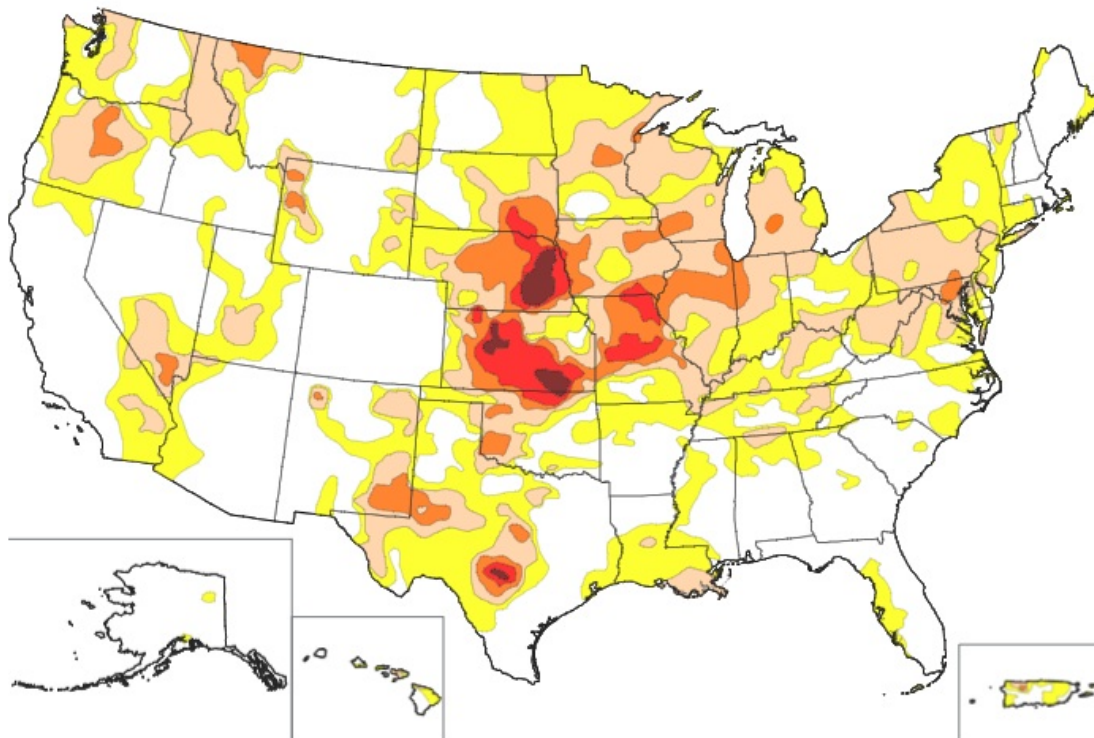
Production will soon be underway on the Fall 2023 issue of the Bison World magazine. **This is one of our largest and most-read issues of the year!**

Various advertising options are available within the magazine pages, from 1/8 page to full page. Lifetime and Active NBA members will enjoy discounted rates as part of their membership perks, and contract holders will 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 final deadline for advertising materials will be August 1. Editorial submissions and suggestions are welcome at any time but are subject to the same deadline for the Winter issue.

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

U.S. Drought Monitor



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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA

Data Valid: 06/20/23

Drought.gov

Drought Resources

While the eastern Corn Belt received beneficial precipitation this week (especially Ohio), drought continues to rapidly intensify across most of the Midwest. The Mid-Atlantic also saw worsening conditions, with the introduction of Severe Drought (D2) in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and D.C. The good news: Heavy rainfall brought targeted drought improvements in the Intermountain West, western Southern Plains, and Florida Peninsula.

As of June 20, 2023, 22.67% of the U.S. and Puerto Rico and 27.11% of the lower 48 states are in drought, according to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](https://drought.gov). 239.6 million acres of major crops in the U.S. are experiencing drought conditions this week, and 28 U.S. states are experiencing Moderate Drought (D1) or worse, up 12 from last month.

We encourage those impacted by drought to keep communication going with your [local Farm Service Agency](#) and Ag Insurance provider- so you are at the front of the line for eligibility for [disaster assistance programs](#). For example, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides for [emergency haying and grazing](#) on certain CRP practices in a county designated as D2 or higher on the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), or in a county where there is at least 40 percent loss in forage production.

The [National Drought Mitigation Center](#) offers a collection of information on what has been tried in responding to and preparing for drought in the United States. One great piece is on [reintroducing bison for grassland diversity](#).

Registration for July 9th Minnesota Regenerative Ranching Field Day extended to July 1st!

A poster for the Bison Ranch Field Day. The background is a blurred image of a bison in a field. The poster has a light orange header with the event title and date. Below the header is a white box with the event details and agenda. At the bottom right is the National Bison Association logo.

Bison Ranch Field Day
@ Sleepy Bison Acres near Sleepy Eye, MN
Register by June 23 ~~JUNE 23~~ **JULY 1**

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**JOIN US FOR A REGENERATIVE RANCHING FIELD DAY IN MINNESOTA
SUNDAY, JULY 9TH, 2023**

PASTURE WALK - Patrick Toomey from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Luverne, MN will kick off the event with a pasture walk to discuss the good, bad, and the uglies he sees in most pastures, best practices for grazing bison, bison friendly programs and more.

IRRIGATION - Next, we will visit Craig Fischer's drip irrigation farm and look at ways to make poor ground better, methods utilized to be more cost effective, and discuss the land plan to transition to pasture and view the irrigation equipment in action.

BISON - After a bison lunch, the tour will continue heading over to check out the second farm managed by Sleepy Acres Bison to assess pastures and see how different methodologies are affecting the soil and grass production.

Registration and a full agenda are available at:
www.bisoncentral.com/nba-2023-events/

NATIONAL BISON ASSOCIATION

Help Recruit Sponsors for the Truth in Buffalo Labeling Act

The NBA's Truth in Buffalo Labeling Act has been introduced in both the Senate and House of the U.S. Congress. We now need your help to recruit co-sponsors for this legislation, which would prevent cheap, low-quality, imported water buffalo products from being deceptively labeled as simply "buffalo", which misleads consumers and negatively impacts the U.S. bison industry. The bipartisan bill provides the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the authority to ensure that products with water buffalo are

labeled as "water buffalo" so consumers aren't misled to believe the product contains bison. Bison products would continue to be labeled as "bison" or "buffalo". See the proposed legislation and current Congressional sponsors [here](#).

The legislation in the Senate, S. 258, is being sponsored by U.S. Sens. John Hoeven (R-ND) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) Current Co-sponsors include:

- Sen. Bennet, Michael [D-CO]
- Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]
- Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]
- Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]
- Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]
- Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]
- Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]
- Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]
- Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]

A companion bill was introduced in the House, H.R. 3866. The lead sponsors in the House are U.S. Reps. Carol Miller (R-WV) and Yadira Caraveo (D-CO).

Now we need NBA members to reach out to their US Senators and Representatives to gain more co-sponsors to keep the bill moving forward. Click [here](#) to find contact information for your Senators and Representatives and then copy and paste the letters below, customize with your personal bison information, and send along to your congressmen and women.

Sample Communication for Senators:

Dear Senator _____,

I am writing to request that you co-sponsor S. 258, the Truth in Buffalo Labeling Act, sponsored by Sens. John Hoeven and Michael Bennet.

I am a bison producer from (your area...briefly describe your operation). Bison producers worked hard over the past two decades to connect with customers across the country over the quality of bison meat, and the ecological attributes of American bison. Now, the integrity of our marketplace is being undermined by deceptively labeled water buffalo products coming into the U.S. marketplace.

S. 258 would require that any water buffalo food products in the U.S. marketplace be properly labeled as "water buffalo" and not just "buffalo" as is currently the case. This simple change will stop these deceptive practices and will provide consumers with the assurance that they are getting what they are paying for.

If you are willing to sign on as a co-sponsor, please reach out to Aaron Weber in Sen. Hoeven's office at aaron_weber@hoeven.senate.gov, or James Whaley in Sen. Bennet's office at james_whaley@bennet.senate.gov.

If you need additional information on this issue, please reach out to Jim Matheson, executive director of the National Bison Association, at Jim@bisoncentral.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
(Your Name)

Sample Communication for Representatives:

Dear Representative _____,

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If you are willing to sign on as a co-sponsor, please reach out to Emily Henn in Rep. Miller's office at emily.henn@mail.house.gov, or Richa Patel in Rep. Caraveo's office at Richa.Patel@mail.house.gov.

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Motorcycle Auction to Benefit Anderson Family a Success

Thank you to the whole buffalo community for your outpouring of support (and very competitive bidding) for the Heritage Softail Harley-Davidson. Bruce and his family were able to join in person at the Ramkota in Rapid City, SD, for the auction; and also made it to the 777 Bison Ranch for the field day. We had beautiful weather, great bison on the grill, and Bruce's stories to keep us all entertained. Attendees and online bidders raised nearly \$13,000 for the Anderson Family at the auction!

We wish the auction winner many great rides! Thank you to Karen Conley, Todd Goetz, and Jud Seaman for coordinating things behind the scenes.



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40% of Global Bison Market

Proco360 Podcast, Episode #144

"It's conservation through commerce. If people didn't like eating bison there wouldn't be 500,000 today." Bob Dineen, Founder and President, Great Range Bison

I like bison burgers. Just putting that out there.

As much as I like talking with CEOs of unicorn tech companies, speaking with the founder of a bison company that has 40% of the GLOBAL market was pretty fascinating. As a podcast host, my primary tool is curiosity – and whether you are a meat eater or not, learning about this industry from Bob Dineen – the worldwide leader in his industry – is pretty special.

[Listen here.](#)

Two People are Sought in Harassment of a Bison Calf at Grand Teton National Park

The New York Times/ Eduardo Medina
June 12, 2023

Chad Kremer, the president of the National Bison Association and a bison herd manager in South Dakota, said most instances of people getting close to calves are rooted in well-meaning intentions: They want to help a stray calf find its way to the herd or get out of difficult terrain.

But such efforts pose risks to the animal and the people, Mr. Kremer said.

"Even if they do appear to be lost or abandoned, typically that's not the case," he said. "When you begin intervening, it will just compound the problem."

Female bison sometimes put young calves in an area, leave them and go off grazing before coming back for their offspring, Mr. Kremer said. But if someone picks up the calf or moves it, that process is disrupted and the female bison may be deterred from returning because of the human scent on the animal.

Visitors can also be in danger, given that bison are the largest mammal in North America.

Male bison, also called bulls, weigh up to 2,000 pounds and stand six feet tall. Females, or cows, weigh up to 1,000 pounds and reach a height of four to five feet.

It is difficult to track the frequency in which people interfere with bison calves, Mr. Kremer said, but it is possible that there is more awareness of such episodes because of news coverage.

[Read more.](#)

Bison Conference

Waco Tribune-Herald/ Mike Copeland
June 10, 2023

Big doings in downtown Waco and beyond on Friday and Saturday, as the Texas Bison

Association held its 2023 Spring Conference. The Waco Hilton offered room blocks at discounted prices. Local businessman Bill Johnson, most noted for his family roofing business, invited attendees to his ranch on Old Robinson Road to view his bison herd and operation.

The ranch visit included an inspection of Johnson's corral system, holding pens and squeeze shoot, according to the itinerary. Tarleton State University agriculture students talked about grasses bison enjoy munching.

Coach's Smoke BBQ restaurant downtown hosted Friday's social and dinner. Attendees Saturday lunched on bison lasagna and bison filets.

In what must have sounded great to local event promoters, the events calendar states, "If you wish to extend your stay in Waco, there are plenty of fun things to do and see." It mentioned the "world-famous Magnolia silos," the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, Dr Pepper Museum, Waco Mammoth National Monument, Cameron Park Zoo, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Waco River Cruise, Fixer Upper home tours, and multiple area wineries.

[Read more.](#)

Hesitant bison calf pushed into river by its momma as herd flees bears

Yahoo Sports
June 22, 2023

A family of grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park sent a herd of bison running to escape, and in the herd were several newborn about to experience a river crossing for the first time.

While most of the calves jumped right into the water, one hesitant calf needing a bit of prodding. It's mother pushed it off the bank and into the water, as seen around the 2:20 mark of the video captured by Ron Sterbenz.

Sterbenz told USA Today/For The Win Outdoors that the bison mom "was done with her calf hesitating to cross so she head-butted him right into the river.

The incident occurred in Lamar Valley last month.

"It is always amazing when you remember that for many of these calves they were just born a few days before," Sterbenz told For The Win Outdoors. "Most of them had never swam or seen a river until that day. They were being chased off the 'Amethyst Bench' area in the Lamar Valley and towards the Lamar River by three grizzlies, one sow and her two 3-year-old cubs, all three clearly wanting to have a bison meal."

[Read more.](#)

Bison reintroduced to Canada's Banff thrive again

Phys.org
June 23, 2023

Wild bison that once numbered in the tens of millions in North America before being hunted almost to extinction are once again thriving in a pocket of western Canada.

Appearing from a distance as specks against the backdrop of the Rocky Mountains, these animals are also restoring balance at the top of a fragile ecosystem.

North America's largest land mammal—growing to 900 kilograms (2,000 pounds) and 1.8 meters (six feet) high at the shoulders—suffered a dramatic decline in late 19th century due to hunting and habitat loss as settlers pushed westward.

They were reintroduced to what is now Banff National Park in 2017. "The moment the bison set foot on that landscape, it felt to me that I brought them home," says Wes Olson, who accompanied the first 16 bison to be released there.

[Read more.](#)

USDA Investing \$320 Million to Strengthen Supply Chains

Southeast AgNet Radio Network/ Sabrina Halvorson

June 21, 2023

The USDA is investing \$320 million to create new and better markets for agricultural producers and food businesses in 19 states across rural America.

"Our goal is to expand processing capacity, create fairer markets and more revenue streams and market opportunities to help bring down food costs for families at the grocery store," says Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We're partnering with entrepreneurs in rural areas to build brighter futures, connect business owners to new markets, and create good jobs for generations to come."

USDA is investing the funds to strengthen food supply chains and create more opportunities for producers and entrepreneurs in 19 states, including Alabama, Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, and others. For example, family-owned businesses like a meat market and a bison processing facility will be able to expand their production capabilities, maintain the highest quality control possible, and save jobs.

For more information on opportunities through USDA Rural Development, go to rd.usda.gov.

[Read more.](#)

Gov. Gordon announces wild bison license raffle winner

WY Game Dept. Press Release

June 23, 2023

CHEYENNE - Governor Mark Gordon is pleased to congratulate Eli Crumley of Pinedale as the 2023 winner of the Wyoming Governor's Wild Bison raffle. For the fifth consecutive year, Gordon donated a bison license to support Wyoming wildlife conservation.

"Congratulations to Mr. Crumley as the winner of the Governor's Wild Bison Raffle. I wish him a successful and enjoyable hunt," Gordon said. "I want to thank all those who purchased a raffle ticket to support Wyoming's spectacular wildlife. This raffle was specifically designed to provide an opportunity for all Wyomingites to have a chance to participate in a big game hunt."

The raffle, which was only open to Wyoming residents, raised more than \$15,000. Proceeds will go to the Wyoming Governor's Big Game License Coalition to support efforts to sustain Wyoming's wildlife. To learn more about 2023 projects visit the [Wyoming Game and Fish Department website](#).

[Read more.](#)

13 bison calves at Minneopa bring herd size to 44

Yahoo News

June 23, 2023

The bison calves at Minneopa State Park grow quickly.

"Some of the older ones you look at, they're starting to turn that brown color already," said Ashley Steevens, manager of the park. The first calves, who are a reddish color when born, were born in early May.

There were 13 calves born this spring, down some from the record 17 born last year.

Steevens said two of the cows from the herd were last year sent to Dakota County's Spring Lake Park, where they are establishing a bison herd.

The Minneopa herd now totals 44, but that number will decline later this year as the two-year-old male bison will be sent to other partner herds in the state.

"We try to keep just one breeding bull," Steevens said. "Having one breeding bull, we know where our genetics are going."

The Minneopa herd, and others being established through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Zoo and other partners, have pure genetics that don't have any beef genetics.

At this point it's unknown how many of the calves are males and females but park staff will learn later this year. "We have a management event each year where we do health checks and new ones are ear tagged and we check their genetics," Steevens said.

[Read more.](#)

Minnesota Down Payment Assistance Grant Program

ATTRA

June 15, 2023

Applications will be accepted July 1-31, 2023.

The Minnesota Down Payment Assistance Grant offers up to \$15,000 for qualified farmers to purchase their first farm. To qualify, farmers must earn less than \$250,000 per year in gross agricultural sales, and each award must be matched with at least \$8,000 of other funding.

A total of \$1 million in funding is available. After the application window closes, all eligible applications will be placed in a randomized lottery to determine the order in which grants are awarded. Preference for this round of awards will be given to emerging farmers.

[Read more.](#)

US lawmakers float possible farm bill extension amid delays

Reuters

June 22, 2023

WASHINGTON, June 22 (Reuters) - The U.S. Congress may need to pass a short-term extension of the country's current farm bill, the largest food and nutrition spending package, amid delays drafting the next one, the top lawmakers on the Senate and House farm committees said on Thursday.

The farm bill funds U.S. nutrition, conservation and commodity programs and is passed every five years. The current bill expires on Sept. 30.

Senator Debbie Stabenow, chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said "it would not surprise me" if lawmakers passed a short-term extension of the current farm bill, as has happened on occasion with past bills.

"We can't give you a date (for a draft), but we're moving as quickly as we can," she said at an event hosted by Bloomberg Government.

The process of drafting the farm bill is behind schedule in part because hearings were delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, said Representative Glenn "GT" Thompson, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, at the event.

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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- 7/09/2023 - NBA Regenerative Ranching Field Day - Sleepy Eye, MN
- 7/15/2023 - NBA Regional Conference - New Plymouth, ID
- 8/9/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 9/13/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 9/29/2023 - Eastern Bison Association Fall Conference - NY
- 9/30/2023 - NBA Regenerative Ranching Field Day - Baldwin, WI
- 10/7/2023 - NBA Regional Conference - Terra Alta, WV
- 10/13/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 10/27/2024 - Wisconsin Bison Producer's Association Fall Conference - WI
- 11/04/2023 - National Bison Day - United States

- 11/04/2023 - Custer State Park Annual Bison Auction - SD
- 11/8/2023 - Antelope Island State Park Production Auction - Webcast
- 11/10/2023 - Illinois Indiana Bison Association Fall Conference - IN
- 11/10/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 11/24/2023 - MnBA Bison Fundamentals Class - MN
- 11/25/2023 - MnBA Legends of the Fall Show and Sale - MN
- 12/02/2023 - Kansas Buffalo Association Annual Auction - KS
- 12/02/2023 - Western Bison Association Annual Auction - UT
- 12/6/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 1/1/2024 - Prairie Legends Bison Auction - Webcast
- 1/17/2024 - NBA Winter Conference - Westminster, CO
- 1/20/2024 - NBA Gold Trophy Show and Sale - Denver, CO

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