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## Weekly Update



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### *NBA Weekly Update for March 26, 2021*

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### **Bison Producers Get Another Opportunity for CFAP Relief**

The National Bison Association welcomed the news that bison producers will be eligible for another round of sign-up under the second round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP-2), after the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it was reopening sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the reopening of CFAP-2 as a part of a new initiative—USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers—which is designed to reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs.

The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis

on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. Existing programs like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will fall within the new initiative and, where statutory authority allows, will be refined to better address the needs of producers.

USDA is dedicating \$6 billion to develop new programs or modify existing proposals that were included as discretionary funding in the end-of-year COVID-19 stimulus package. USDA is making modifications to direct support payments to account for price differentiation among commodities, including costs for organic certification or to continue or add conservation activities.

Bison producers can access information on the potential payment rate and application process here: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap2/specialty-livestock>.

A full report on the new USDA initiative is listed later in this Weekly Update.

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## **NBA Provides Input on American Rescue Programs**

The National Bison Association is working to assure that the programs USDA develops to implement the agricultural provisions of the American Rescue Act include areas important to the bison business.

NBA Executive Director Dave Carte participated in two days of listening sessions conducted by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. Additionally, the association is preparing to submit written comments to the agency next week.

In oral comments delivered during Monday's listening session, Carter urged USDA to take steps to include pre-cooked, shelf-stable bison products in the next rounds of the farm to families food box program. He also encouraged the agency to analyze the "lessons learned" from the past years' experience with the food box program, and to incorporate some of the innovating approaches into the ongoing USDA commodity procurement and food distribution programs.

NBA member Alex Heim of South Dakota, and a principal in Dakota Pure Bison, also provided public input during the listening session. He urged USDA to expand its commitment to sourcing products from a larger number of smaller producers and processors.

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## **USDA Issues product Specifications for the Next Round of Section 32**

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service yesterday released the product specifications that will be utilized during the second round of purchased of ground bison and bison stew meat under the Section 32 Surplus Removal Program. That solicitation is anticipated in early to mid-May.

The NBA welcomed the addition of bison stew meat in the next round of solicitations. The notice specifies that the ground bison and stew meat will be packed in one-lb. packages, and that suppliers may utilize their existing approved retail packaging. The notice also includes some technical requirements for processors that will position the bison business to expand its ability to supply a broader range of federal food and nutrition programs.

NBA Executive Director Dave Carter urged any processor interested in participating in the next round of solicitations apply immediately to be approved as a qualified vendor. Processors may begin that process here. <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/becoming-approved>

The full USDA notice of product requirements is listed here.

## Tender & True is Latest Partner in Bison Restoration

Tender & True Pet Food company has signed on as the latest partner in the National Bison Association's Partner in Bison Restoration program, with the launch of the company's new Bison Recipe jerky treats.



The treat packages not only contain the Partner in Bison Restoration logo, but include the following copy:

*Tender & True has partnered with the National Bison association to source premium bison that adheres to standards that help preserve the growing bison population. At one time bison were near extinction. The National Bison Association has worked diligently to restore herd quantities with the partners, ranchers and tribal leaders. The National Bison association, along with tribal and conservation partners have thus launched Bison1Million, a commitment to restoring one million bison in the coming years.*

*Purchasing products that partners with the National bison Association provides the need to continue restoring these herds, thus restoring the health of the grasslands they reside on.*

People can learn more about Tender & True, including here to purchase products, here. <https://tenderandtruepet.com/>

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## Wholesale Prices Mixed in Feb. USDA Report

Prices for dressed young bull carcasses were slightly lower in February, but your heifer carcasses were higher, according to the latest USDA Wholesale Bison Price Report issued by the agency's Livestock and Grain Market News Service. Dressed young bull carcasses averaged \$391.13/cwt. In February, which was \$2.39/cwt. Lower than in January, and \$16.08 lower than in February 2020. Dressed heifer carcasses averaged \$363.69/cwt. In February, which was \$4.30/cwt. Higher than the previous month, but \$34.47/cwt. Lower than the previous February. Old bull carcasses were higher in February, but old cow carcasses were lower.

According to USDA's National Agricultural Service, 12,313 head of bison have been processed under federal inspection through the first 11 weeks of 2021, which is 1,490 more animals than in the same period in 2020, and the highest year-to-date figure in recorded history.

See the NBA's price report [here](#).

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## **Young Reintroduces Indian Buffalo Management Act**

*(News release from U.S. Rep. Don Young)*

Washington, D.C. – This week, U.S. Reps. Don Young (R-AK), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, and Norma Torres (D-CA) introduced the Indian Buffalo Management Act. The Indian Buffalo Management Act establishes a program within the Department of the Interior to assist tribes and tribal organizations with the protection, conservation, and fostering of buffalo herds. This legislation is supported by the 74 tribes in 20 states that are the members of the InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC).

“For hundreds of years, the American buffalo was central to the culture, spiritual wellbeing, and livelihoods of our nation’s Indigenous peoples. It may surprise some, but Alaska is home to a thriving herd on Sitkalidak Island, managed by the Alutiiq people,” said Rep. Young. “The tragic decimation of these iconic animals remains one of the darkest chapters in America’s history, and we must be doing all that we can to reverse the damage done not only to the American buffalo, but to the way of life of Native peoples across our country. I am proud to be joined by Congresswoman Norma Torres, in addition to advocates and tribal organizations as we introduce this critical legislation to protect a resource vital to Native cultural, spiritual, and subsistence traditions. I would like to thank the InterTribal Buffalo Council for their advocacy and hard work as we drafted this legislation. This bill is an important step toward restoring once-vibrant buffalo herds, and as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples, I will keep working with friends on both sides of the aisle to see this legislation across the finish line.”

“For many native tribes, buffalo are more than majestic animals – they’re integral to tribal history, culture and spiritual beliefs,” Congresswoman Norma J. Torres said. “Establishing tribal ownership and management of buffalo will increase their dwindling numbers across the American West and rekindle the longstanding connection native peoples share with them. I’m happy to work with Representative Young on this bipartisan effort and encourage our colleagues to join us in supporting the Indian Buffalo Management Act.”

“This bill would uplift the sovereignty of the 8 Pueblos in New Mexico that are members of the InterTribal Buffalo Council. It will promote tribal ownership and stewardship of buffalo and buffalo habitat. As the Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee, I’m dedicated to supporting Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations across the country and remain committed to fostering their deep and unique connection with American Buffalo. I’m thankful for Congressman Young, Congresswoman Torres, and the rest of our partners for leading this bill,” said U.S. Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM).

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## **S.D. Processors Eligible for Grants Under \$5M Program**

*(From Agri-Pulse)*

Meat processors in South Dakota will be eligible to receive grants to offset COVID-19-related operational disruptions under a \$5-million relief program announced by Gov. Kristi Noem.

The Meat Processing Grant program is designed to reimburse processors a portion of their expenses covering the ability to process or store South Dakota-raised protein, state officials announced in a news release. The grants will be available to South Dakota meat processors with 60 or fewer employees that run either state-inspected plants, licensed custom-exempted slaughter plants or “very small” federally inspected plants.

Eligible operations have until May 1 to [apply for the grant program here](#), with grants scheduled to be awarded May 25.

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## **Baby Bison Spotted at Tallgrass Prairie Preserve**

*(From KJRH-NBC)*

PAWHUSKA, Okla. — Spring in Oklahoma means baby bison!

Officials spotted the first bison calf of 2021 yesterday morning being bashful and walking closely alongside its mother at the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Pawhuska.

“This bundle of joy arrived a bit earlier than normal,” said Bob Hamilton, Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Director. “Typically, bison calves arrive around Easter weekend. Doing the math, that means this calf’s mom was bred in June—bison have a 9.5-month gestation period. We suspect that its early arrival is due to good forage conditions last summer, which may have triggered early breeding. Additionally, minus the February cold spell, it was a pretty mild winter—so that may be a factor in its early arrival as well. Either way, we look forward to this exciting day each year!”

Preserve staff expects another 500-600 baby bison this spring. They said now is a great time to visit the preserve to view the babies along with the 2,100 adult bison that roam freely.

Young bison are fun to watch as they can be playful. Visitors may see calves frolicking, chasing, battling, butting, kicking, and racing. Such activity aids muscle development and coordination later in life.

The preserve is open daily from dawn to dusk with no charge for admittance and accessed via county roads. There are free-ranging bison herds, scenic turnouts, hiking trails, and picnic tables. The gift shop/visitor center is currently closed. Visitors are urged to stay in their cars during visits.

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## **Project Aims to Boost Bison’s Genetic Diversity**

*(From the Western Producer)*

The world’s first bison genome biobank is being developed at the University of Saskatchewan’s Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence.

The university was recently awarded \$6.76 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation to help revive the bison population and strengthen the cattle industry.

It’s part of a Canada-led effort to conserve bison and other threatened animal species like caribou, as well as address challenges facing the beef industry.

“We don’t have a robust gene pool as we did back in the 1800s. By 1900, less than 0.1 percent of the bison population remained. There were only about 400 bison left on the planet and that was down from over 30 million,” said Gregg Adams, a specialist in reproductive biology at the university’s Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

Canada has led the way in bison conservation, but bison numbers remain at less than two percent of their historic population today.

However, mistakes made along the way to conserve the species created a “genetic

bottleneck," which inevitably resulted in the loss of much of the old evolutionary robustness, said Adams.

Read [more](#).

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## **Yellowstone Bison Biologist Gives April 1 Online Talk**

*(From the Billings Gazette)*

Bison change the way spring happens across Yellowstone National Park's vast grasslands, a situation lead bison biologist Chris Geremia will discuss during an April 1 online talk for the Draper Natural History Museum Lunchtime Expedition at noon.

Without several thousand bison moving freely on the landscape in sync, Yellowstone's springtime season of plant growth would be shorter, the land would not be as green and the plants would not be as nutritious, according to research Geremia and his colleagues have conducted.

On a typical June day in Yellowstone it's not unusual to see thousands of [bison grazing](#) in the Lamar Valley. The groups appear aimlessly roaming back and forth, but that's far from the full picture.

Bison return to graze the same areas repeatedly at such intensity that it turns back the clock on forage green-up, hitting reset on springtime. Their grazing sets bison apart from other ungulates and allows them to time their spring migrations differently than other species. Moreover, their grazing directly alters nutrient cycles, plant growth potential and the makeup of plant communities.

"We are learning that in the same way predators can influence the Yellowstone ecosystem from the top down, bison can push on it from the bottom up," Geremia said. "Put another way, the influence of bison on plant communities in the park is as natural and important to the ecosystem as those of top predators like wolves."

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## **How About Bison Roaming Across a Mississippi River Bridge?**

*(From the Gazette)*

DAVENPORT — Environmentalist Chad Pregracke has a big idea: Create a national wildlife park in the Quad Cities that would let a small bison herd roam across a Mississippi River bridge to graze in 100-acre parks in Iowa and Illinois.

One thing Pregracke made clear Friday is that the Bison Bridge is a proposal and not yet a project.

Even though he's had the idea for years and assembled a Bison Bridge team about two years ago, plans are preliminary.

"It's a big concept. It's never been done in the world," he said Friday. "We're now at the point that we've got enough support to give me the courage to put it out there.

"The No. 1 thing we need right now is signatures on our petition to let it be known that the community likes the idea, too."

Those interested in signing the petition can "join the herd" at [bisonbridge.org](#). The website also contains a video animation of the project site.

Pregracke is proposing using a span of the Interstate 80 bridge across the Mississippi when that bridge is replaced.

Read [more](#).

## **USDA Announces ‘Pandemic Assistance for Producers’ to Distribute Resources More Equitably**

*(From USDA News Release)*

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced yesterday that USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions.

The new initiative—*USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers*—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs. The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. Existing programs like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will fall within the new initiative and, where statutory authority allows, will be refined to better address the needs of producers.

*USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers* was needed, said Vilsack, after a review of previous COVID-19 assistance programs targeting farmers identified a number of gaps and disparities in how assistance was distributed as well as inadequate outreach to underserved producers and smaller and medium operations.

“The pandemic affected all of agriculture, but many farmers did not benefit from previous rounds of pandemic-related assistance. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to helping as many producers as possible, as equitably as possible,” said Vilsack. “Our new *USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers* initiative will help get financial assistance to a broader set of producers, including to socially disadvantaged communities, small and medium sized producers, and farmers and producers of less traditional crops.”

USDA will reopen sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has committed at least \$2.5 million to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will establish partnerships with organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

The payments announced today under Part 3 will go out under the existing CFAP rules; however, future opportunities for USDA Pandemic Assistance will be reviewed for verified need and during the rulemaking process, USDA will look to make eligibility more consistent with the Farm Bill. Moving forward, *USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers* will utilize existing programs, such as the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach, and Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and others to enhance educational and market opportunities for agricultural producers.

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## **Vilsack: US Carbon Market Needs A Focus on Farmers**

*(From Agri-Pulse)*

A priority for the USDA in the coming years will be judging the feasibility of setting up, executing and paying for a federal carbon bank to help farmers reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reward them for their actions, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Monday.

It won't be easy or quick, and there's a lot of work that needs to be done just to figure out the best way to make that happen, but a carbon bank that both reduces GHG emissions and adds support to America's farmers and ranchers will be key to the Biden administration's pledge to open new markets for farmers, Vilsack said at Agri-Pulse's annual Ag & Food Policy Summit.

“When we talk about new markets... there is an opportunity with reference to climate to create new ways for farmers to benefit financially,” said Vilsack, who also stressed that

USDA will be looking at other tools than just a new carbon bank system. “We have a good path forward as we look and explore that opportunity... It’s a way of basically providing financial assistance to farmers so that they incorporate into their operations climate-smart agricultural practices, which will not only provide farm income, but it will preserve soil, provide healthier soil and it will be an opportunity to improve the quality of water.”

Currently, there is no federal carbon bank, Vilsack said the existing carbon trading systems are not designed to meet the needs of farmers and ranchers. That’s why USDA is starting at the ground floor and hoping to gather as many ideas and guidance as it can from the public sector.

“When we talk about a carbon bank, many folks are taking a look at the existing carbon markets and asking themselves whether or not it will work for agriculture,” Vilsack said. “I think it’s important to point out that this carbon market is not designed and set up for farmers. There’s a lot of paperwork involved – a lot of complexity involved. The actual payments are not necessarily significant – not enough anyways to compensate for the hassle that’s connected with the carbon market.”

The proof, he said, is in the numbers. Out of about 134 million outstanding carbon credits, only about 2.5 million are agriculture-based.

However, a new carbon market is established, Vilsack said, “it has to be set up in a way that speaks to farmers’ needs and is really designed for farmers and about farmers.”

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## **APHIS To Pursue Rulemaking on Use of RFID Eartags**

*(From Agri-Pulse)*

Ranchers can continue to use currently approved identification tags for cattle while USDA examines whether to require Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags, the department [said](#) Tuesday.

USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said it decided not to approve a notice issued last year that would have made RFID “the official eartag for use in interstate movement of cattle,” APHIS said in a notice to stakeholders.

APHIS said it will use the rulemaking process for any future action and said it “continues to believe that RFID tags will provide the cattle industry with the best protection against the rapid spread of animal diseases and will therefore continue to encourage the use of RFID tags while rulemaking is pending.”

Requiring RFID has been controversial among some corners of the cattle industry. R-CALF USA sued the agency in 2019 over a fact sheet the group said mandated RFID use by 2023, but that lawsuit was ruled to be moot after APHIS withdrew the fact sheet. R-CALF is continuing to sue over the issue. APHIS “established and utilized two unlawful advisory committees to assist it in transitioning the U.S. cattle industry to exclusively use RFID eartags when moving adult cattle interstate, and to reduce cattle-producer opposition to the agency’s plan,” the group said in a [news release](#) last month that announced the filing of a brief in its court case.

In comments on the July 2020 notice, R-CALF CEO Bill Bullard said APHIS was legally barred from implementing an RFID requirement without going through notice-and-comment rulemaking.

For its part, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association said in [comments on the issue last fall](#) that the organization “has long been supportive of traceability for animal health purposes and believes that the goal of any identification program should be to enable the cattle industry, state, and federal animal health officials to respond rapidly and effectively to animal health emergencies.”

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## **Tuberculosis found in South Dakota cattle herd**



*(From Tri-State Livestock News)*

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in a South Dakota beef herd for the first time since 2017. State veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven says that an infected cow was initially identified in January by meat inspectors during routine inspection at a Minnesota packing plant. Records linked the cow to a Corson County beef herd which had additional animals confirmed as infected by recent laboratory testing.

"The index cow (the initial cow identified with lesions at slaughter) did not have official ID or a backtag," Oedekoven said. "The lot she was in had been sourced from two different auction markets in different states with multiple sellers. It took some time to narrow the possibilities to find the herd she most likely originated from. State animal health officials conducted TB skin testing in the herd, and some cattle that tested positive were necropsied at the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab in Brookings. Samples were collected and tested positive at the National Veterinary Services Lab in Ames, Iowa."

The state veterinarian's office is working closely with the affected herd owner, as well as other producers in the area, USDA officials, Standing Rock Sioux Tribal officials, area veterinarians and wildlife officials to evaluate the extent of the disease and mitigate further spread.

"State and federal officials are now tracing animals that had been sold out of that herd, or that had been brought into the herd, as well as conducting testing in neighboring herds. As calving has begun in some of the herds of interest, testing may be delayed until late spring or summer," Oedekoven said.

The state vet's office will keep producers updated as the case proceeds, but Oedekoven says, "It's a slow process by nature."

Full [text](#).

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## **Vilsack Looks at How to Add Resiliency to Livestock Processing**

*(From Beef Magazine)*

Small meatpackers play a critical role in maintaining the U.S. food supply, as well as provide important markets for livestock producers and increase consumer access and options for locally sourced food. However, even as the COVID-19 pandemic threatened to disrupt the nation's meat supply by causing large meatpacking facilities to pause or slow operations, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service overtime inspection fees discouraged small meatpackers from processing livestock more than 40 hours per week.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack recently spoke about whether there is sufficient competition and resiliency in the livestock processing sector. He recalled how at the start of the pandemic when one or two plants were shut down in Iowa due to workers being exposed or contracting COVID-19, farmers found themselves having hogs that were too large to be processed.

He says at USDA he plans to evaluate whether there are methods, support, assistance or some mechanism that encourages more processing facilities, more regionally located to create greater resiliency and smaller greenhouse gas footprint of food that's being processed.

Full [text](#).

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## **Sens. Smith, Young introduce One Health legislation to combat disease outbreaks**

*(From Homeland Preparedness News)*

U.S. Sens. Tina Smith (D-MN) and Todd Young (R-IN) introduced a bill that would improve

coordination among government agencies when studying animal and human health to prevent disease outbreaks.

Specifically, the Advancing Emergency Preparedness Through One Health Act would require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Agriculture Department (USDA), and the Department of Interior (Interior) to adopt a One Health framework with other agencies. It is based on the idea that human and animal health are linked and should be studied together to prevent and respond to disease outbreaks.

"We sadly are all too familiar with how outbreaks take a real toll on families and our economy. I've pushed adopting a 'One Health' approach since I served as Minnesota Lieutenant Governor, and now I'm continuing that work in the Senate while we all navigate combatting COVID-19," Smith, a member of both the Senate Health and Ag Committees, said. "We need to recognize the connection between human, animal, and environmental health, so future preparedness efforts meet the needs of all people, all ages, and in all communities."

The Advancing Emergency Preparedness One Health Act would foster understanding of the connections between human, animal, and environmental health and improve coordination between federal agencies studying these areas. It would advance workforce development related to preventing and responding to disease outbreaks in animals and humans.

Full [text](#).

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## **NCBA Endorses Haulers of Agriculture and Livestock Safety Act of 2021**

*(From SoutheastAgNet.com)*

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) endorsed the Haulers of Agriculture and Livestock Safety (HAULS) Act of 2021 on Wednesday. The bipartisan bill was introduced by Sen. Fischer (R-NE), Sen. Tester (D-MT), Sen. Wicker (R-MS), and Sen. Smith (D-MN) and would deliver flexibility for livestock haulers.

"One year after COVID-19 began to disrupt daily life across the country, U.S. cattle producers continue to prove each day that they are committed to keeping grocery stores stocked with beef. Livestock haulers are a critical component of the beef supply chain and flexibility in livestock hauling regulations remains vital," said NCBA President Jerry Bohn. "NCBA strongly supports this bipartisan effort to provide livestock haulers with the flexibility they need to maintain the highest level of safety on the roads, transport livestock humanely, and ensure beef remains available to consumers."

The hours-of-service (HOS) rules permit 11 hours of drive time, 14 hours of on-duty time, and then require 10 straight hours of rest. Unlike drivers moving consumer goods, livestock haulers cannot idle or unload their trucks when hours run out without jeopardizing animal health and welfare.

Full [text](#).

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- 4/09/2021 - Minnesota Bison Association's Annual Education Conference - MN
- 6/11/2021 - Montana/Western Bison Association Summer Conference - MT
- 6/27 - 29/2021 - National Bison Assn. Summer Conference - Cheyenne, WY

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