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NBA Weekly Update for November 5, 2021

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Bison Set to Sizzle at World Food Championships

National Bison Association Assistant Director Jim Matheson, President Donnis Baggett and members, Benjamin Lee Bison will be serving up samples of barbecued bison to many of the anticipated 20,000 attendees at the World Food Championships scheduled tomorrow through Sunday in Dallas.



The NBA will be hosting a 100 square-foot booth at the festival's BBQ Ranch pavilion, where the volunteers will be serving up samples from meat provided by Southwest Bison

and Benjamin Lee Bison. The NBA will also hand out donated snack sticks from Nebraska Bison. The NBA's participation is being underwritten by the association's Growth Fund. The NBA thanks its sponsors and volunteers for helping have a presence at this huge consumer-gearred event with over 25,000 attendees expected.

The World Food Championships is the largest competition in Food Sport, where grand champions of previous events convene for a chance at winning the ultimate food crown and a share of hundreds of thousands of dollars in prize money. The World Food Championships is also the springboard for many up-and-coming culinary stars and home cooks as they seek TV fame through many well-known food shows and acting opportunities.

Tickets for the event are still available [here](#).



Celebrate National Bison Day Tomorrow

This Saturday offers everyone an opportunity to rally around a symbol of national unity, as National Bison Day celebrates the cultural, historical and economic significance of our National Mammal, according to Dave Carter, executive Director of the National Bison Association.



The U.S. Senate this year once again designated the first Saturday in November as National Bison Day and encouraged citizens everywhere to engage in bison-centered activities throughout the weekend.

“Bison represent the greatest market-based conservation success story in the history of North America,” Carter explained. “Little more than a century ago, herds that once numbered tens of millions were reduced to an estimated 700 bison left alive. Dedicated efforts by ranchers, conservationists and tribal leaders have successfully restored nearly half a million bison to the rangelands and prairies of the United States and Canada. National Bison Day helps us celebrate that success, and to continue to grow the herds on private, public and tribal lands.”

He noted that many public herds and private ranches are hosting special tours and activities this weekend to help inform the public of the vital role that bison are playing in restoring healthy grassland ecosystems. People can utilize the free *BuySome Bison app* to find nearby ranches that may be offering activities this weekend.

Carter added that celebrating Bison Day can be as simple as enjoying a deliciously healthy bison burger.

“Demand for bison meat in the marketplace is providing the economic incentives for ranchers to build their herds,” Carter said. “That’s why we’ve launched *Partner in Bison Restoration*,® a program to educate the public on how eating bison helps restore bison.”

NBA Files Recommendations

For Climate Smart Ag partnership

Bison need to play a pivotal role as the U.S. Department of Agriculture seeks to establish partnership programs to promote climate smart agriculture and forestry practices, according to comments filed by the National Bison Association with the agency this week.

The comments filed by NBA Executive Director Dave Carter noted, "Any Partnership Program developed to support and reward Climate-Smart Agriculture must include a role for bison, and bison producers. The reasons are simple:

- Bison played a pivotal role in shaping the North American grassland ecosystems over thousands of years; and
- The National Bison Association and its collaborating organizations have both the commitment and the ability to administer a CSAFP (Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Partnership) for bison."

Carter wrote that bison were instrumental in shaping the grassland ecosystems of North America and are therefore best equipped to play a role in restoring and improving those ecosystems.

He also noted that the National Bison Association has developed the internal infrastructure and external partnerships that are best suited to deliver any program services to bison producers.

The USDA had issued a request for information in late September regarding the development of partnership programs with the agricultural community. A complete copy of the NBA's comments is available [here](#).

Nominate the 2021 NBA Member of the Year!

Please complete this [online nomination form](#) by December 1st to nominate the 2021 National Bison Association Member of the Year! Nominations are welcome from current NBA members only, one nomination per membership please.

The National Bison Association's Past President's Council will announce the Member of the Year at the 2022 NBA Winter Conference. The award recognizes one NBA member each year who has gone above and beyond to promote our collective business and the American bison.

- The nominee should be a rancher, farmer, or citizen whose efforts enhance the bison industry for all.
- The nominee should support and promote the NBA and state and regional organizations.
- The nominee should be a role model to persons in the bison industry. Role model status will be weighed heavily in the decision process.
- State and regional involvement is encouraged
- The Council is now accepting nominations from the NBA membership through December 1st.

To nominate an outstanding NBA member who has gone above and beyond to promote bison and move our industry forward, please take a moment to complete a nomination form online at <https://bisoncentral.com/documents-record/member-of-the-year-nomination-form/> by the December 1st deadline.

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MISSOURI BISON ASSOCIATION



PRODUCTION SALE

Thursday, **December 9, 2021**

Lolli Brothers Livestock Market, Macon, MO

Buyer's Reception/Dinner: December 8 - Location TBA

SHOW & SALE

Saturday, **March 19, 2022**

Mo-Kan Livestock Market, Butler, MO

Buyer's Reception/Dinner: March 18

Meal provided by MBA at the Sale Barn Cafe

To Consign, Call:

Carol Morris: 660-998-0990 or

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National Buffalo Museum Celebrates National Bison Day Saturday

(From Newsdakota.com)

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) – November 6th is National Bison Day, celebrating the United States National Mammal. To celebrate, the National Buffalo Museum will be offering free admission to all guests on Saturday, November 6th.

This will be visitor's final opportunity to view I AM BISON, an installation art show by Virginia based fiber artist and sculptor, Patty Swygert. The show, which traces the history of bison on this continent, debuted at the National Buffalo Museum last November. . The National Buffalo Museum's mission is to advocate for the restoration of the North American Bison through education and outreach.

For more information, contact Rachel Johnson at 701-252-8648 or collections@buffalomuseum.com.

[Source.](#)

Kankakee Sands celebrating National Bison Day

(From the Kankakee, IL Daily Journal)

Saturday is National Bison Day, and Kankakee Sands invites the public to view the 10 bison that recently arrived at Kankakee Sands from Wind Cave National Park.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, there will be Kankakee Sands staff and Bison Rangers available at the Kankakee Sands Bison Viewing Area to talk about the bison program and Kankakee Sands.

At 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., the Kankakee Sands staff will be leading tours of the bison corral. The Kankakee Sands Bison View Area is located at South 400 West in Morocco, Ind. — 40 minutes east of Kankakee.

For more information, email Trevor Edmonson at trevor.edmonson@tnc.org.

[Source.](#)

Applications Open for the Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program

USDA is currently accepting applications for the Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program. Applications must be submitted electronically through the grant

portal at <https://usda-prs.grantsolutions.gov/usda> by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 22, 2021. Approximately \$650 million in funding is available for the PRS grants.

Don't wait until the last minute. The first step in applying is getting a DUNS number which can take up to 5 days.

Once you have your DUNS number, the application takes less than 10 minutes. The application, FAQs, tip sheets, and information on how to apply is on the [PRS Grant Portal](#). Resources are also available in Spanish on the [PRS webpage](#).

Small businesses and nonprofits in the following industries can apply for a grant to cover COVID-related expenses such as workplace safety measures (e.g., personal protective equipment (PPE), retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety, shifting to online sales platforms, transportation, worker housing, and medical costs:

- Specialty crop producers
- Shellfish farming, finfish farming, aquaculture, apiculture
- Specialty crop, meat, and other processors
- Distributors
- Farmers markets
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Contact information for providers offering technical assistance on this grant application is available [here](#).

Bison Stampede in Yellowstone Rocks Bridge In 'Scary' Encounter

(From USA Today.com)

While crossing a bridge over the Lamar River in Yellowstone National Park, Johnnie Havard and his wife noticed a huge cloud of dust in the distance created by a stampeding herd of bison.

A moment later, things turned scary.

"We expected the herd to cross the road at the end of the bridge, but to our surprise, they turned onto the bridge and continued running directly toward our car," Havard, who shot the video Oct. 3, explained to ViralHog.

"The bridge was shaking and swaying, which can be seen by noting the movement of my car's mirror. The experience was rather scary since we were not at all sure that the bison would not run into our car, but as can be seen in the video, they veered to the right lane as they approached the car."

Havard can be heard in the video saying, "The whole bridge is rocking," to which his wife replies, "I know."

You can also clearly hear the clacking of the bison's hoofs on the highway. Havard aptly summed up the encounter at the end of the video, saying "Well, that was cool."

Watch video [here](#):

CSU Soil Scientists Tapping Rangelands As Vast Sources for Carbon Storage

(From Colorado Morning Ag Clips)

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The United States' 770 million acres of rangelands have been home to many generations of grazing cattle and sheep. The slow deterioration of those lands from overgrazing and under-management has had devastating consequences for the health of soils and natural carbon cycling across grassland ecosystems.

Soil scientists at Colorado State University see clearly the untapped potential of rangelands for abating global carbon emissions by reversing soil carbon loss, regenerating soil health, and using those lands as a carbon sink for greenhouse gases.

Over the last several months, a CSU research team has teamed with Woodwell Climate Research Center on a Colorado-based project aimed at helping managers of rangelands, which cover large areas of both public and private lands, understand and monitor the delicate carbon balances across their grazed landscapes.

The CSU research team is led by Megan Machmuller, a research scientist in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, and M. Francesca Cotrufo, professor in the same department; both are members of the Soil Carbon Solutions Center at CSU, a multidisciplinary central facilitator of climate-focused soil science across the university.

Machmuller, Cotrufo and Jonathan Sanderman of Woodwell Climate Research Center are partnering with Conscience Bay Research, the research division of a large, private land and livestock owning entity called Conscience Bay Company, to develop a “Rangeland Carbon Tracking and Management Tool.” The tool will help land managers verify the effects – good or bad – of grazing management while helping them devise strategies for building healthier soils and reducing land degradation.

Sanderman’s team previously sought to quantify the amount of carbon lost to grazing and croplands over several generations. He has also led development of satellite-based mapping systems that can capture high-resolution data gradients of soil carbon stocks across varied landscapes and elevations.

Read more [here](#).

Hundreds Of Volunteers Gather to Participate in Annual Bison Roundup at Antelope Island

(From Fox 13.com)

More than 220 volunteers on horseback helped in the annual Bison roundup at Antelope Island Saturday morning.

Hundreds of folks came from all over the state to watch the old western round up. Robert DeRosa, who moved to Utah from New York City in 2020, brought his 12-year-old granddaughter to catch a glimpse of the bison herd.

"You can't do Antelope Island and miss the bison round up," said DeRosa.
"I've seen a few before but never like this close," said DeRosa's granddaughter.
For volunteers, they got even closer.

Jeff Nichols has been a cowboy in the round up for at least nine years.

[Source](#).

Marlboro Bison — Weighing 1.25 Tons — Is Rescued After Escape from Local Farm

(From Asbury Park Press)

MARLBORO - A 2,500-pound bison escaped from its farm on Wednesday but was rescued with the assistance of the [Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#) and the township police department.

“Another day on the job,” the Monmouth County SPCA wrote on its social media pages, which featured a photo of the immense animal — lying on its side — and two officers who aided in its return to domestication.

“Don’t worry, this guy is just sedated!” the post said. “Confused? We were too when we got a call about a 2,500-(pound) bison on the loose today in Marlboro! Marlboro Township Police Department gave our Humane Law Enforcement & Animal Control team a call today to contain and safely tranquilize this lost boy and get him back to where he came from.”

Read more [here](#).

CSKT Donate 5 Bison to Chippewa Cree Tribe

(From Associated Press)

BOX ELDER, Mont. (AP) — Hundreds of Chippewa Cree tribal members clung to a barbed-wire fence, cheering and high-fiving as the community welcomed the return of 11 bison to tribal lands.

"They're here!" Dustin Whitford, the tribe's language preservation officer, shouted to the crowd. Montana Cree, a local drum group, played the Chief Rocky Boy song as the bison were released into a 1,200-acre pasture.

Jason Belcourt, the tribe's sustainability coordinator, hugged everyone in sight. He smiled as he high-fived and shook hands with people in the crowd. Nearly everyone wore masks. "The buffalo wanted to come home," he said Tuesday.

In partnership with the tribe's buffalo board and council, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the American Prairie Reserve, Belcourt worked for two years to return bison (or "pahskahmotos" in the Cree language) to the tribe.

The American Prairie Reserve, a nonprofit that promotes conservation and public land access, donated six bison to the tribe, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes donated five. The Chippewa Cree Tribe's buffalo board will care for the animals, the Great Falls Tribune reported.

Read more [here](#).

Wildlife Refuge Donating More Than 100 Bison

(From kswo.com)

The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is getting ready to do their annual donation of surplus bison.

Each year the refuge gets rid of excess bison, though they were unable to last year because of the Covid-19. This is in support of the 2020 Bison Conservation Initiative. It helps restore conservation herds to tribal lands, and throughout the Department of Interior.

Refuge officials believes there are about 800-bison on the refuge exceeding the amount they like to manage.

“So, our excess animals this year will be going to Wolakota Buffalo Range in South Dakota, and to other tribes. We are thinking maybe 150 and 200 animals will be excess this year. That’ll play out more in the weeks to come when we start working animals,” Park Ranger Quinton Smith said.

Smith said since the Refuge wasn’t able to donate last year because of the pandemic they’ll be donating more than what they usually do.

The bison are expected to be donated next week.

[Source.](#)



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- 11/6/2021 - Custer State Park Annual Bison Auction - SD
- 11/8/2021 - Antelope Island State Park Production Auction - UT
- 11/13/2021 - Oklahoma Bison Association Fall Auction - OK
- 11/17/2021 - Prairie Monarch Bison Ranch Bred Female Online Only Auction - WY
- 11/20/2021 - Coyote Trail Buffalo Ranch Production Simulcast Auction - SD
- 11/21/2021 - Canadian Bison Association Convention, Show and Sale - SK
- 11/22/2021 - TNC Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Fall Bison Auction - OK
- 11/26/2021 - Minn. Bison Association's Bison Fundamentals Workshop - MN
- 11/27/2021 - Minn. Bison Association's Legends of the Fall Bison Auction - MN
- 11/28/2021 - Rocking P Ranch Annual Production Simulcast Auction - SD
- 12/4/2021 – Kansas Bison Association Sale - KS
- 12/4/2021 - Western Bison Association Wild West Buffalo Stampede Auction - UT
- 12/7/2021 - Northern Range Buffalo Simulcast Auction - SD
- 1/7/2022 - Montana Bison Association Winter Conference - MT
- 1/1/2022 - Prairie Legends Bison Webcast Auction - Online
- 1/8/2022 - Turner Bison Exchange Prairie Performance Simulcast Auction - SD
- 1/19/2022 – 1/22/2022 – National Bison Association Winter Conference - CO
- 1/22/2022 - NBA Gold Trophy Show and Sale - National Western Stock Show - CO
- 2/12/2022 - Dakota Dynamite Buffalo Simulcast Sale - SD
- 2/19/2022 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Simulcast Auction - SD
- 2/26/2022 - Beltway Bison Consignment Live Bison Auction - PA
- 3/04/2022 - Rocky Mountain Bison Association's Spring Conference - Location TBD
- 7/12/2022 - International Bison Conference - Saskatoon, SK

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