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200 head will be sold featuring:

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- 58 Bull calves
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- 28 Yearling bulls
- 5 Two-year-old heifers
- 1 Mature cow
- 7 Two-year-old bulls



Weekly Update



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NBA Weekly Update for November 18, 2022

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NBA Wishes You & Your Herd a Happy Thanksgiving

We want to wish all of our American members a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday! While it's been a challenging year for bison producers across the continent, we still have plenty to be thankful for in the bison community. We hope you can spend time with family and friends and count your blessings next week.

The NBA Staff will be taking a well-deserved couple of days off for the holiday next

Fall Bison Management Webinar Monday and Tuesday: Meet the Presenters!

Join members from across the country to keep your business and animals thriving.
This webinar free to all NBA members!

To join any part of these events, just use the zoom links. No pre-registration is required.

Day 1- Healthy Business: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81718998072>

Day 2- Healthy Animals: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82904775105>

Monday, November 21st from 1-4 pm MT we will focus on healthy business.



Andrew Larson, Farm Outreach Specialist from the Food Finance Institute plans to present on financing a bison operation.



Erich Ehrlich, insurance agent with Reinsurance will explore protecting your bison operation.



Chris Williams, certified public accountant with WSM, will be discussing agricultural tax exemptions.

Tuesday, November 22nd from 1-4 pm MT the focus will be on animal health.



Bob Wesley, ranch manager with Standing Butte Ranch, will present on managing drought.



Kaylee Kipp, MS and PhD Student at Texas A&M University, is covering parasite control.



Jud Seaman, auctioneer from Quality Auction Services will round out the day updating us on live markets.

NBA Regenerative Field Days # 2 and 3 Now Online

The NBA's NCSARE funded regenerative field days project has wrapped up for the 2022 season, but you can still watch presentations from workshops in SD and IL in the member's area of bisoncentral.com in the Video Archives section.

While you're there, take in our many webinars, conference presentations, and other educational resources you have access to as an NBA member. The videos are available to all members here - <https://bisoncentral.com/publication/conference-presentations/>.

Special thanks to Meet My Neighbor Productions, who are developing the bison documentary, Native, currently and were kind enough to film the SD event at Antelope Creek Bison in 4K video!

Winter Conference: Bison Competitions Open for Registration

This week was busy! Three competitions have been

announced for NBA Members to participate in.

1- [Gold Trophy Show and Sale - National Bison Association \(bisoncentral.com\)](https://bisoncentral.com)

2023 Show and Sale Consignments are now open! The mission of the Gold Trophy Show and Sale is to create an environment where producers can compete to establish the value of their bison in the current marketplace. Class information and registration all available at the [website](#). Please consign your animals [here](#) by December 15, 2022



2- [The Larry Higgins Bison Junior Judging Contest](#)

This event is hosted by the National Bison Association (NBA) and Rocky Mountain Bison Association (RMBA) and is held in conjunction with the Gold Trophy Show & Sale during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colorado. Students will judge bison that are already there for the GTSS. Top 3 individuals earn a scholarship! Registration is free, team and individual classes available, along with age classes. Check out the flyer for more information: [2023 Junior Judging Flier](#)

3- [2023 NBA Winter Conference: The Bison Benefit - Bison Video Contest](#)

Submit your 30 second bison themed video by January 9th. The top three entries from Junior Youth, Senior Youth, and Adult categories will win cash prizes, and will be showcased on the NBA webpage! All contest information located at the bottom of the [winter conference registration page](#).

The National Bison Association Winter Conference will be January 18 – 21, 2023 in Westminister, Colorado

[Registration is open](#) for the 2023 NBA Winter Conference. Register before December 18th and save \$25 in registration cost! Join the biggest bison gathering of the year where we'll gather, network, learn and celebrate the American bison! Two days of top-notch educational programming, market updates, and amazing bison-themed meals, all concluding with our annual Gold Trophy Show and Sale (GTSS) bison auction at the National Western Stock Show on Saturday, January 21st. You won't want to miss out on this great opportunity!

Also, please be sure to book your deeply discounted Winter Conference lodging at the beautiful Westin Westminister hotel, details and links below:

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

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

Or call the Westin hotel directly at 303.410.5000, or Marriott reservations at 888.236.2427 and request the National Bison Association room block to reserve over the phone.

NBA Guest at InterTribal Buffalo Council Annual Membership Meeting

The InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) held its annual membership meeting in Quapaw, OK celebrating 30 years of buffalo restoration and support to tribes across the country.

NBA Executive Director, Jim Matheson, attended the event. The NBA and the ITBC collaborate on many projects and the two organizations have had a memorandum of understanding in place since 2014.



"I got to witness some pretty great moments, like the induction of two new tribes into ITBC and video of a tribal bison reintroduction. I was able to connect with many partners and friends, including members from The Nature Conservancy. It was a packed two days of programming at the Downstream Casino including keynote speakers each day, showcasing young tribal members pursuing bison, field tours, bison meals, and more. It was an honor to have been invited to attend." said Jim.

2023 Gold Trophy Show and Sale Now Taking Consignments



We are now taking consignments for the NBA's 2023 Gold Trophy Show and Sale (GTSS). Please see the details below and consign by next December 16th at <https://bisoncentral.com/2023-gold-trophy-show-and-sale-consignment-form/>.

We hope you can join the NBA at the new and improved National Western Stock Show for our annual breeding stock show and sale, which features some of the best breeding stock and genetics in the bison business.

Based on recent live [auction results](#), quality is clearly being rewarded at this year's sales and breeding animals are overall bringing good money. For over forty years, the GTSS has provided a quality auction service for both buyers and sellers. This year's judges are longtime bison expert producers, Les Kroeger - Hanley, SK, and Dr. Gerald Parsons - Stratford, OK who bring decades of experience working with top-notch breeding animals and judging. Don't miss out on this great opportunity, consign to 2023 GTSS!

Once again, Buffaloheard Productions will be producing a full-color catalog for the event with advertising space available for anyone interested. Advertising does not necessarily have to be associated with the GTSS and presents a great opportunity to reach an engaged audience! Advertisements can be full color or black/white and pricing and availability are shown [here](#). The catalog will be available to attendees at the NBA Winter Conference as well as the live Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Additionally, it will be posted online on the NBA website for viewing and downloading in advance of the conference and auction. Advertisements are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Karen at (605) 381-3738 or buffheard@gmail.com to discuss your options.

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

2022 Bid For Bison

Get those bids in!



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MISSOURI BISON ASSOCIATION



FALL PRODUCTION SALE

Thursday, **December 8, 2022** - 11:00 A.M.

Lolli Bros. Livestock, Macon, MO

Buyers Reception: December 7 at 6 p.m.

Raspberry's BBQ Restaurant

To Consign, Call:

Carol Morris: 660-998-0990 or

Peter Kohl: 816-585-4779



Sold! Buyers bid on bison

From *Farm Progress*

The auctioneer's cry cuts through the Kansas wind on this brisk November morning. A capacity crowd of about 200 bidders and onlookers have climbed atop the catwalk above the sorting pens to peruse the sale lots of stock, starting at 8 a.m.

And now the crowd fills the metal bleachers around the sale ring, some with the goal of packing their freezers with meat for the coming year. Some with the prospect of bringing home new genetics for their herd. And some just to watch the show.

Hold on to your hats, it's the annual Maxwell Wildlife Refuge Buffalo Auction.

Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, just 6 miles north of Canton, sits on the southern edge of the Smoky Hills in central Kansas. Its 2,560 acres are managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, and it is one of two bison refuges in the state devoted to conserving this majestic symbol of Kansas. The other is Sandsage Bison Range and Wildlife Area, south of Garden City, Kan.

[Read more.](#)

Drought forcing ranchers to reduce bison herds

From *Fox 31 Denver*

STRASBURG, Colo. (KDVR) — Because of a drought affecting eastern Colorado, a bison rancher is forced to sell off a substantial portion of his herd.

As the sun begins to warm over the eastern Colorado landscape, it reveals images that could be 1,000 years old. A herd of bison grazing peacefully in the cold morning, instinctively doing what bison do.

But on this day, that calm turns into controlled chaos. It is roundup time at the Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch.

"See, they are following that lead cow over there. So the whole dang herd is going to go. See how they are coming out on that far side over there?" said Ray Thieman who owns the Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch.

Instead of horses, ATVs are used to round up the herd. Thieman said they are safer for the ranch hands and the bison.

[Read more.](#)

Student research top challenges for bison management in Texas

From *The Pratt Tribune*

Texas A&M AgriLife Research, including student projects, continues to advance science related to management of bison in Texas for conservation and production.

Perry Barboza, Ph.D., AgriLife Research professor in the Departments of Ecology and Conservation Biology and Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, said research into the sustainability of bison in Texas for production and conservation is focused on addressing basic challenges and establishing foundational knowledge.

Barboza has supervised student research related to bison, a species that once ranged the length of the Great Plains within the two Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences departments.

Bison could become an increasingly important animal option for Texas ranchers, but for now, they represent a niche opportunity, he said. Meat commands a premium – around \$9 per pound for ground bison – but production is limited by problems ranging from parasites and disease to temperament.

Most bison are marketed as yearlings between 300-500 pounds, Barboza said. This makes each animal's body condition and maximizing daily weight gain vitally important for producers.

[Read more.](#)

Métis Nation-Saskatchewan bringing bison back to Batoche

From *The Pratt Tribune*

Bison will soon return to Batoche thanks to an agreement between the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Parks Canada.

The decision follows a land agreement this summer which transferred 690 hectares of land at Batoche from Parks Canada to the Métis Nation. A new agreement signed Friday will see bison transferred from Grasslands National Park to Batoche.

The first phase of the agreement will see 24 bison returned to the Back to Batoche festival grounds, and the second phase will place the "growing herd" on the land belonging to Métis citizens.

Michelle LeClair, vice-president of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, said the agreement is huge for the Métis people, who have traditionally had a close relationship with the animals.

[Read more.](#)

Bison projects, Bob Marshall Wilderness get millions for conservation

From *The Billings Gazette*

The Biden-Harris administration and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation last week announced nearly \$91 million in grants made through the America the Beautiful Challenge. Fifty-five inaugural grants will support conservation and restoration projects in 42 states, three U.S. territories and 14 tribal nations — including the Fort Belknap Indian Community and Blackfeet Nation in Montana.

Applicants this year submitted 527 proposals, requesting a total of \$1.1 billion. The grants issued addressed about 10% of the overall demand, according to a news release. About one-third of the grants will support projects implemented by tribes.

The America the Beautiful Challenge encouraged applicants to develop projects that would address conservation and restoration needs and showcase benefits to fish and wildlife, carbon emissions and benefit underserved communities, among other things. The Fort Belknap Indian Community was awarded \$4,985,200 for its intertribal approach to restoring bison and landscape connectivity, according to a news release.

In collaboration with the Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree, Fort Belknap and Fort Peck tribes, this project will enhance ecosystem function on 57,000 acres by supporting daily operations related to bison programs, removing or replacing more than 100 miles of fencing with wildlife-friendly fence and establishing common rangeland monitoring across four tribal communities.

[Read more.](#)

USDA boosts "climate-smart" investments

From *Meatingplace*

As the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) drew to a close, USDA Secy. Tom Vilsack announced the agency would make another \$300 million investment in

a second pool of pilot projects by the end of the year, the agency said in a news release. The additional funds bring USDA's total expected investment to \$3.1 billion.

USDA's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities are intended to expand markets for climate-smart commodities, leverage the greenhouse gas benefits of climate-smart production and provide direct benefits to agriculture, including for small and underserved producers.

The first funding pool was directed toward 70 pilot projects in all 50 U.S. states. The \$300 million additional funds are earmarked for more than 65 additional projects focused on enrolling small and underserved producers, as well as on methods to be developed at minority-serving institutions for monitoring, reporting and verifying the benefits of climate-smart agricultural practices.

FACT now accepting applications for next round of Fund-a-Farmer Grants!

From *FACT*

The deadline for livestock and poultry farmers to apply is January 10, 2023. Grants will be awarded in March 2023.

FACT awards competitive grants of up to \$3,000 to working, independent farmers located in the 50 United States and five major U.S. territories who raise beef cattle, bison, broiler chickens, dairy cows, ducks, geese, goats, laying hens, pigs, sheep and/or turkeys. This year, FACT will fund the following types of projects:

- Farms that wish to improve and expand pasture for animals. These grants for farms to transition to pasture-based systems, expand animals' access to well-managed pasture, and improve the quality of pasture for animals.

- Farms seeking one of three animal welfare certifications: Certified Animal Welfare Approved by A Greener World, Certified Humane, or Global Animal Partnership Animal Welfare Certified (steps 4 to 5+). These grants will be made for on-farm projects that help improve animal welfare.

- Farms that already hold one of the welfare certifications above to build capacity or maintain certification. These grants can be for on-farm production-related projects, or for other projects related to the marketing, sales, and distribution of welfare-certified products.

Before beginning your application, we encourage you to review the complete list of grant guidelines and other resources, including several example applications and tip sheets. If you have questions, please email grants@foodanimalconcerns.org.

[Read more.](#)

US declares lab-grown meat safe to eat in 'groundbreaking' move

The US government has cleared the way for Americans to be able to eat lab-grown meat, after authorities deemed a meat product derived from animal cells to be safe for human consumption.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will allow a California company called Upside Foods to take living cells from chickens and then grow them in a controlled laboratory environment to produce a meat product that doesn't involve the actual slaughter of any animals.

'Fishless fish': the next big trend in the seafood industry. The FDA said it was ready to

approve the sale of other lab-grown meat, stating that it was “engaged in discussions with multiple firms” to do the same, including companies that want to grow seafood from the cells of marine life.

[Read more.](#)

Unusual Early Blizzard in the Northern Plains

From *GovDelivery*

An early season blizzard in the Upper Midwest, which started on November 10, broke snowfall records for the date. The storm stretched from Wyoming to northern Minnesota, with North Dakota bearing the brunt of the snowfall.

The National Weather Service in Bismarck, North Dakota, measured 17.1 inches of snow, nearly double of the previous record of 9.1 inches for the day, and nearly reaching all time one day record of 17.3 inches. Snow depth measurements in the nearby area of Mandan were as high as 24 inches.

High winds accompanied the storms had gusts as high a 40–50 mph, creating drifts of 3 to 5 feet.

[Read more.](#)

USDA and Three Tribal Nations to Enter Historic Conservation Reserve Program Enhancement Program Agreements to Support Working Lands Conservation

From *Watertown Drum*

RAPID CITY, South Dakota, Nov. 17, 2022— Three Tribal Nations in the Great Plains are partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help conserve, maintain and improve grassland productivity, reduce soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat through the [Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program](#) (CREP). The Cheyenne River, Oglala and Rosebud Sioux Tribes are entering into CREP agreements with USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) to enroll eligible grassland, pastureland, and other agricultural lands within the boundaries of their reservations in this conservation program.

[Read more.](#)

USDA Requests Public Input on Implementation of Inflation Reduction Act Funding

From *USDA/NRCS*

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17, 2022 – USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will use the investments provided through IRA-funded conservation programs to support farmers and ranchers in adopting and expanding climate-smart activities and systems. NRCS asks for comments on how to target program benefits, quantify impact, and improve program delivery and outreach, especially for underserved producers. Comments are due Dec. 22, 2022. NRCS will identify immediate changes that can be made in fiscal year 2023 and will continue to identify and adopt additional changes in future years.

“Agriculture is at the forefront of the nation’s effort to address climate change, and we want to hear from people on the ground how to implement our programs to maximize climate benefits, promote equity and assist all producers,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “From climate-smart agriculture, to supporting healthy forests and conservation, to tax credits, to biofuels, infrastructure and beyond, this legislation provides USDA with

significant additional resources to lead this historic charge.”

The Inflation Reduction Act provided unprecedented funding levels for several of the existing programs that NRCS implements. The increased funding levels begin in fiscal year 2023 and rapidly build over four years, totaling these additional amounts:

- \$8.45 billion – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- \$3.25 billion – Conservation Stewardship Program
- \$4.95 billion – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- \$1.4 billion – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- \$1 billion – Conservation Technical Assistance

NRCS is asking for public input on how to best maximize benefits for climate mitigation, including targeting practices and programs that provide quantifiable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, NRCS is requesting feedback to help identify strategies and provide recommendations on how to maximize, target, monitor, and quantify improvements to soil carbon, reductions in nitrogen losses, and the reduction, capture, avoidance, or sequestration of carbon dioxide, methane or nitrous oxide emissions associated with agricultural production. NRCS is also seeking ideas for how to further streamline and improve program delivery to increase efficiencies and expand program access for producers, especially underserved producers.

[Read more.](#)

farm crisis center

Even in the best of times, farming can be an incredibly high-stress occupation. Unpredictable weather, crop disease, volatile markets, heavy workloads, and social isolation are just a handful of the challenges that farmers may face.

These conditions force many family farmers and ranchers to make tough financial decisions that will impact their families, communities, and the entire country.

National Farmers Union compiled resources to help farmers through stressful times. Find them at:

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

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- 11/19/2022 - Coyote Trail Buffalo Ranch Simulcast Production Auction - SD
- 11/21/2022 - NBA Member's Fall Webinar 1-4 pm MT
- 11/22/2022 - NBA Member's Fall Webinar 1-4 pm MT
- 11/25/2022 - Minnesota Bison Association Bison Fundamentals - MN
- 11/26/2022 - Minnesota Bison Association Legends of the Fall Sale - MN
- 11/27/2022 - Rocking P Ranch Simulcast Production Auction - SD
- 11/28/2022 - BSS Land Management, LLC Complete Dispersal Auction - Online
- 12/01/2022 - Western Bison Association Conference - UT
- 12/03/2022 - Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede Auction - UT
- 12/03/2022 - Kansas Buffalo Association Sale - KS
- 12/06/2022 - Northern Range Buffalo Consignment Simulcast Auction - SD
- 12/08/2022 - Missouri Bison Assn. Fall Production Auction - MO
- 12/15/2022 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 1/02/2023 - Prairie Legends Bison Webcast Auction - Online
- 1/07/2023 - Turner Bison Exchange Prairie Performance Simulcast Auction - SD
- 1/17/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 1/18/2023 - NBA Winter Conference - Westminster, CO
- 1/20/2023 - Larry Higgins Junior Bison Judging Contest - Denver, CO
- 1/21/2023 - NBA Gold Trophy Show and Sale - Denver, CO
- 2/02/2023 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference - SD
- 2/04/2023 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Simulcast Auction - SD
- 2/24/2023 - Beltway Bison Consignment Auction - PA
- 3/09/2023 - Eastern Bison Association Winter Conference and Auction - PA
- 3/11/2023 - Missouri Bison Assn. & Oklahoma Bison Assn. Show & Sale - MO

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