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### *NBA Weekly Update for November 20, 2020*

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### **Happy Thanksgiving from the NBA!**

The National Bison Association wishes its membership a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

The NBA staff will be spending time with their families giving thanks. As such, the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday next week. The next Weekly Update will be published on December 4th.



### **NBA/DTBA Winter Conference Registration Now Open**

Registration is now open for the 2021 Winter Conference, February 19 – 20, in Rapid City, South Dakota, in conjunction with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. Please mark your calendars for this information packed two-day event, which will conclude with the first ever, simulcast video-Gold Trophy Show and Sale! Attend in person, o

The abbreviated conference will include a virtual streaming for members who want to participate, but who do not want to attend in person. For those attending in person, proper safety measures will be in place including recommended guidelines from the CDC and the South Dakota Department of Health. If forced the cancel, registration would be fully refundable.

The [Ramkota Inn of Rapid City](#) will be hosting the conference and have rooms available to attendees at the very reasonable rate of \$75/night – double occupancy. The booking web link below is good for the dates blocked only. If you want to arrive early or stay longer, you will need to call the hotel directly to book at 605-343-8550, and ask for the Nation Bison Association block – [https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.42048.html?groupId=5U2NC6B6](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.42048.html?groupId=5U2NC6B6)

Please register [here](#) no later than January 20, 2021.

2021 NBA/DTBA WINTER CONFERENCE  
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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Friday, February 19th

8:00 am - Registration Open  
9:00 - Trade Show Opens  
9:30 - Conference Kickoff Welcome  
10:00 - Bison Marketing Successes in 2020  
11:30 - Center of Excellence for Bison Studies at South Dakota State University  
1:00 pm - Dr. Brad Johnson - Ruminant Nutritionist, Eat Bison!  
3:00 - The Bison Mentor Session  
5:30 - Social/Bison Dinner/Fun Auction

Registration - Adult In-Person \$150

Adult Virtual - \$50

Children (13 years and under) - \$25

## Saturday, February 20th

8:00 am - Consignors' Meeting  
9:00 - Managing the "Young Guns" and Mycoplasma Bovis  
10:30 - Processing Challenges and Solutions in 2020  
11:30 - Lunch and Visit the Bison  
2:00 pm - Dusty Oedekoven, DVM - State Veterinarian Herd Health Update  
3:00 - DTBA Membership Meeting  
4:00 - NBA Membership Meeting  
5:00 - GTSS/DTBA Awards Dinner  
6:00 - Bison Simulcast Auction

Please register by January 20th at  
<https://bisoncentral.com/winter-conference/>

## **Producers: Please Participate in USDA Assessment Survey by Wednesday, November 25th!**

The USDA's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) is developing its second national study of the U.S. bison industry, which is planned for 2022. USDA invites stakeholders now to take a brief online survey to help NAHMS focus the research and build a study that is the most beneficial to industry. As a bison stakeholder, your input is crucial to this process, so please participate.

[Click here](#) to access the survey, and please complete by the **new November 25th deadline**.

**Important note:** This survey is not compatible with the browser Internet Explorer. This survey works best with Google Chrome and other Windows and Mac internet browsers. Depending on your internet connection, the survey might take several minutes to load, so please be patient. Also, please click on the "Submit" button on the last page to ensure that your responses are recorded!

In addition to helping USDA identify key bison health and management issues, stakeholder participation will bridge existing information gaps by exploring stakeholders' new and ongoing concerns. Stakeholder inputs will ensure that the NAHMS Bison 2022 study will be focused on primary matters affecting the bison industry. This brief survey also offers stakeholders a chance to provide information that will benefit the newly established Center of Excellence for Bison Studies. NAHMS welcomes responses from people representing all sectors of the bison industry.

Please [click here](#) to access the survey, which might take 10 or 15 minutes to complete. The survey is available through November 25, 2020.

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## **NBA Board Restructures Member Dues, Lowers Renewal Fee**

The NBA Board of Directors on Tuesday adopted a new membership structure which will lower the cost of annual renewals and will replace the Friend of the Bison category with a new Supporter category.

The fee for first year active memberships was increased to \$300, but the renewal rate was lowered to \$225.

"We provide our new members with a lot of resources when they join, but wanted to institute a way to say 'thank you' to members who renew their dues each year, while getting the renewal rate more in line with associated expenses" said Jim Matheson, assistant director of the National Bison Association.

The Friend of the Bison was initiated several years ago as a low-cost category designed to appeal primarily to consumers who want to support the bison business. A high percentage of people signing up for the Friend of the herd, though, are prospective and current bison producers.

Matheson explained, "We are replacing the Friend of the Bison with a Supporter category that will still include a hard copy of the magazine, but expanded digital benefits, including our on-line business planning tools, and other resources, to better serve NBA members."

The new rates will become effective in January 2021.

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## **Update Membership Listing for 2021 Membership Directory**

This is your chance to update any contact information you'd like included in the 2020 NBA Membership Directory, which is published as a supplement to our Winter edition of Bison



World magazine. Please have your updates to the NBA no later than this Monday, November 30, 2020.

If you have had a change of address, phone or email, or have updated any of your information in the last 12 months, please be sure to notify the NBA by emailing [jim@bisoncentral.com](mailto:jim@bisoncentral.com), so we can update our internal records accordingly. If you'd like to check on your listing, please email [jim@bisoncentral.com](mailto:jim@bisoncentral.com), or give us a call at 303-292-2833 to check.

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## **Advertising Opportunities in the Winter Issue of Bison World**

Production is underway on the Winter issue of the Bison World magazine. This issue will feature our printed Membership Directory, which also offers several high-visibility advertising options.

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

The advertising deadline is December 4. Editorial submissions and suggestions are welcome at any time but will also be subjected to the December 4 deadline for the Winter issue.

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

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## **NBA Spreads Message at Ag Broadcasters' Virtual Conference**

Leaders of the National Bison Association connected with farm broadcasters from across the country yesterday at the National Association of Farm Broadcasting's (NAFB) annual Trade Talk event. Trade Talk is an annual highlight of the association's annual convention. Traditionally conducted as an in-person event that connects agricultural leaders with representatives of agricultural organizations and businesses. This year's event was conducted online.

NBA Executive Director Dave Carter, President Donnis Baggett, and Director at Large Mimi Hillenbrand connected with broadcasters throughout the morning, assisted by Jim Matheson, who managed the technological facets of the event.

Carter noted, "Trade Talk always provides a great opportunity for us to get the word out about bison. This year, we emphasized the resiliency of our business and our producers."

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## **Dineen to be Inducted into Colorado Ag Hall of Fame**

Bob Dineen, founder and owner of Rocky Mountain Natural Meats, will be inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in February.

The Colorado FFA Foundation announced recently that Dineen will be one of three 2021 inductees into the Hall of Fame during ceremonies planned for February 24<sup>th</sup> in Denver, if conditions allow.

Dineen and two other honorees will join 94 other outstanding agriculturalists who have been similarly honored since 1989. All Agriculture Hall of Fame members' portraits are displayed in the Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in the CoBank Center for Agricultural Education at Colorado State University.

In a letter written in support of Dineen's nomination in September, National Bison Association Executive Director Dave Carter wrote, "As he has built his business, he has

also played a leading role in building the bison industry. Whether working with Ted Turner's network of ranches or a small rancher from western Colorado, Bob has cultivated long term relationships built on quality and integrity.”

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## Wholesale Prices Down in Latest USDA Report

Wholesale bison prices were mixed in October as producers awaited news of the USDA's decision on the Section 32 surplus removal request that has been filed by the National Bison Association.

According to the monthly USDA bison price report, dressed young bull carcasses brought \$396.19/cwt. In October, which was \$3.97/cwt. Lower than in September and \$54.34/cwt. lower than in October 2019. However, dressed heifer carcasses bringing an average of \$376.67/cwt in October were \$3.27/cwt. Higher than the previous month, but still \$42.05/cwt. Lower than the previous October. Older bulls and cows were also lower during the month.

According to a separate report issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, the 52,543 head of bison processed year-to-date though October was nearly 15 percent ahead of the comparable figure last year, and represents the largest number of bison processed year-to-date in history.

See the full wholesale report [here](#) and and updated current live auction results [here](#).

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## Nominate the 2020 NBA Member of the Year by December 1st

Please complete this [online nomination form](#) by December 1st to nominate the 2020 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 NBA Winter Conference on Friday, February 19th in Rapid City, SD. The member of the year 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 quickly online at <https://bisoncentral.com/documents-record/member-of-the-year-nomination-form/> by December 1st.

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# MISSOURI BISON ASSOCIATION



## 24TH ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

Thursday, **December 10, 2020** – 11:00 am

Lolli Brothers Livestock Market, Macon, MO

Dinner & Fun Auction: Dec 9th, Apple Basket Restaurant, 6pm

## 22ND ANNUAL SPRING SHOW & SALE

Saturday, **March 20, 2021** – 11:00 AM

Mo-Kan Livestock Market, Butler, MO

Dinner & Fun Auction: March 13th, Sale Barn Cafe, 6:30pm

To Consign, Call:

Carol Morris: **660-998-0990** or

Peter Kohl: **816-585-4779**



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## Bison integral part to Ill. prairies, scientist says

*(From WIFR)*

The Nachusa Grasslands in Franklin Grove held some nature experiences on National Bison Day.

More than 200 years ago the last wild bison were killed off in Illinois. However, since 2014, the nature conservancy has been home to about 100 bison.

Ecosystem restoration scientist Elizabeth Bach says bison are an integral part to the prairies.

“They’re grazing impacts plant communities and diversity. Birds and small mammals use their discarded fur to build nests. Other insects use their wallows for nesting sites, and their dung is an important resource for a lot of other insects as well,” Bach said.

The Nachusa Grasslands are located at the border of Ogle and Lee County, about 45 minutes south of Rockford. They are open from dawn until dusk.

Read more. <https://www.wifr.com/2020/11/18/bison-integral-part-to-ill-prairies-scientist-says/>

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## Museum Teams Up with Valley City Meat Supply for Bison Meat Donation

*(From Dakota News)*

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) – The National Buffalo Museum is teaming up with Valley City Meat Supply to donate just over 500 pounds of ground bison to food banks in Jamestown and Valley City.

The museum’s Executive Director Ilana Xinos said, “We are thrilled to be in a position to make this donation, especially so close to the holiday season, and we couldn’t have done it without Valley City Meat Supply who did not even hesitate to say yes when we approached them with this idea.” According to Xinos, this project is one way the museum can give back to the local community while also achieving its mission of advocating for the restoration of the North American bison through education and outreach.

Dave Carter, Executive Director of the National Bison Association, said, “The museum’s mission is to advocate for the restoration of the American bison. That includes not only restoring the animal to the grasslands, but also restoring bison meat to the American diet. This is a great service to help bring this deliciously healthy meat to people in need throughout the community.”

Eating bison meat plays an important role in continuing to restore the species. The bulk of the bison population in North America are part of commercial bison herds. Public parks

and preserves do not have the amount of land needed for bison to thrive in large numbers.

Thanksgiving is not just for turkeys this year. The museum urges families to think about adding bison to their Thanksgiving menu. Xinos adds, "You won't be disappointed – it is a delicious and healthy meat"

Read [more](#).

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## **Wanuskewin Heritage Park Captures A Record Three Provincial Tourism Awards**

*(From Yorkton This Week)*

Officials with a First Nations heritage park in Saskatchewan are still beaming after last week's announcement of the winners of the Tourism Saskatchewan Awards of Excellence.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park, which is located just outside Saskatoon and is a non-profit cultural and historical centre, captured a record three awards.

This marked the 31st year of the provincial tourism awards and the first time Wanuskewin had captured three of the categories.

Wanuskewin also established another record by being nominated in five categories. Organizers recognized recipients in 12 award categories. Also, three individuals, including Wanuskewin's chief archaeologist Dr. Ernie Walker, were honoured as Tourism Builders. About 90 nominations had been received for the various award categories.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the awards ceremony was held virtually on Nov. 10. It had originally been scheduled to be staged in Regina this past April.

Besides having Walker receive a Tourism Builder award, Wanuskewin was also presented with the Business of the Year Award, for a company with more than 20 full-time employees, as well as the Gil Carduner Marketing Award.

Except for the Tourism Builders recipients who were honoured for their efforts over a number of years, all the other award winners were recognized for their work last year and into the early parts of 2020.

"It's been an amazing year, despite the year we've had," said Darlene Brander, Wanuskewin's CEO. "And this really recognizes the hard work and vision the team has had in place for a long time now."

Read [more](#).

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## **Calgary Zoo Bison 'Sage' Euthanized After Numerous Health Battles**

*(From CTV News)*

The Calgary Zoo euthanized its senior wood bison named Sage on Tuesday morning after the 21-year-old animal lost the ability to stand.

Sage had been under veterinary care for the past year for numerous health problems. Born at the Toronto Zoo, Sage arrived in Calgary in 2001.

The zoo says she will be remembered for her calm and gentle nature.

In a post to social media, the zoo asked guests to keep Sage's caregivers in their thoughts.

"One of the hardest things we do at the Calgary Zoo is say goodbye to cherished family members. No matter how long they are with us or how old they are, each one matters," the zoo's post said.

Sage and the zoo's two other wood bison were fan favourites.

"All summer you can hear children exclaim with awe and delight at the sight of these huge land animal," the zoo said on social media.

Sage's legacy will live on, as the zoo recently announced that her 11-year-old offspring, Elly-May, will take part in a planned breeding program using artificial insemination.

That part of research which focuses on genetic diversity and captive breeding success with the hope of producing healthy calves for reintroduction into the wild.

Read [more](#).

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## **MI State Veterinarian Statement on Alpena County Bovine Tuberculosis Positive Herd**

*(From MDARD Press Release)*

LANSING, MI - Today, State Veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM, released the following statement due to the discovery of a bovine tuberculosis (TB) positive herd in Alpena County.

"Bovine TB was recently confirmed to be present in an Alpena County beef herd, located in Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone. On November 10, 2020, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the presence of the disease in one of the animals from this herd. As with all new findings of bovine TB in a cattle herd, additional testing will be done in the herd, and an epidemiologic investigation has been started to rule out the possibility of additional cases stemming from the affected herd.

Bovine TB is a bacterial disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. It is known to be present in the free-ranging white-tailed deer population in specific areas of northeastern lower Michigan, and the disease can be transmitted between deer and cattle. While state and federal agencies are taking significant steps to manage the disease, the continued hunting of deer in this area is an important tool in maintaining a healthy deer population.

The Alpena County herd is Michigan's 80th cattle herd to be identified with bovine TB since 1998. In addition, it is the third TB-infected cattle herd to be identified in the Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) in the previous 12 months. Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), if there are more than three TB-infected cattle herds identified within the MAZ during a 12-month period, then the State of Michigan and USDA must enter discussions on the issue. These discussions may result in changes being made to the TB program requirements or to the status or boundaries of the MAZ.

This finding underscores the need for cattle producers to work to protect their herds from TB, and that the continued collaboration of producers and deer hunters is vital to reduce deer numbers and deer pressure in order to better control the disease."

[Source](#).

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## **USDA Announces General CRP And Grasslands Signup Periods**

*(From AgriPulse)*

Producers can begin signing up for the Conservation Reserve Program Jan. 4 and CRP Grasslands March 15, USDA has announced. The CRP signup will run through Feb. 12, while the grasslands signup will go through April 23.

The competitive programs both provide annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes. According to USDA data, after a CRP signup last year of about 3.4 million acres, nearly 22 million acres are enrolled in the program nationwide. The 2018



farm bill increases the cap to 27 million acres by 2023.

“Through **CRP**, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland,” USDA said.

“**CRP Grasslands** helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, pastureland, and certain other lands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands,” the department said. “Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and improves environmental quality.”

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## **USDA Reverses on Tighter Farm Subsidy Eligibility**

*(From Agri-Pulse)*

The Agriculture Department is ditching a change in commodity program subsidy eligibility rules that would have unintentionally made it harder for some members of family farming operations to qualify for payments, a top official says.

A [final rule](#) the Farm Service Agency published in August required all potential subsidy recipients meet the eligibility requirements for being “actively engaged” in farming. Those requirements mean a payment recipient must provide either 25% of a farm’s total management hours on an annual basis or perform at least 500 hours of management annually.

In a change formally described as a “correction” to that rule, the FSA says those requirements will only apply to farming operations that are comprised of nonfamily members and subject to a limit in the number of farm managers who can qualify as actively engaged in farming.

FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce told *Agri-Pulse* on Wednesday that expanding the eligibility requirements to family operations was an oversight.

“Obviously, it’s our view that it was not Congress’ intent to apply ... the more restrictive tests to family farm entities. It honestly wasn’t our intent either,” he said.

A [correction notice](#) released Wednesday says in part, “After publication of the rule, stakeholders notified FSA of concerns regarding potential non-intended, adverse effects to farming operations comprised solely of family members. In streamlining the definitions for consistency, these revised definitions were inadvertently made applicable to farming operations solely owned by family members.”

Read [more](#).

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## **Outlook for Ag Climate Measures Brightens with Biden Transition, New Alliance**

*(From Agri-Pulse)*

President-elect Joe Biden’s commitment to addressing climate change and the food and ag industry’s progress in coalescing on ag carbon proposals are increasing the chances that farmers could see new income streams developing through private markets and USDA programs.

The Biden administration could take steps administratively, but ag groups also are gearing up for a climate debate in Congress even if Republicans narrowly retain control of the Senate after a pair of runoff elections in Georgia Jan. 5.

Among the ideas getting the most attention as Biden sets up his administration is a USDA carbon bank to buy ag carbon credits from farmers and sell them to energy companies and other corporations that need to offset their emissions.

The carbon bank, the brainchild of a key Biden transition adviser, is a central recommendation in [a set of more than 40 proposals released Tuesday by the new Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance](#), a coalition of leading ag, food, forestry and environmental groups.

The recommendations are meant to draw support from a range of groups and include many proposals similar to provisions of the Agriculture Resilience Act, a bill introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, and backed by some environmental organizations and sustainable farming advocates that are opposed to carbon markets.

The carbon bank also is featured in a set of climate action recommendations released last week by a group of Obama administration veterans, including Robert Bonnie, who heads the USDA transition team.

Read [more](#).

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## Environmental Quality Incentives Program in Wisconsin

The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural and forestry producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, and improved or created wildlife habitat.

Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations. Special initiatives this year in Wisconsin include honeybee, landscape initiatives, soil health, organic, on-farm energy, high tunnel, and others.

Apply by November 20, 2020, for 2021 funding.

Read [more](#).

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## Minnesota Rapid Response Mini-Grant for Livestock Processing

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is opening up a second round of [grants aimed at helping livestock processing plants and producers](#) increase capacity for slaughter, processing, and storage in the wake of supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rapid Response Mini-Grant for Livestock Processing will offer matching grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to applicants to offset the cost of expenses such as adding coolers, refrigeration units, slaughter, and processing equipment.

Eligible applicants include processors of meat, poultry, eggs, and milk located in Minnesota and Minnesota livestock producers who need storage capacity for processed products until existing markets return or new markets are developed. Businesses that did not receive funding in the last round or did not receive the full \$5,000 amount can apply.

Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2020.

Read [more](#).

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## FACT's 2020 Fund-a-Farmer Grants

Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT) awards [competitive grants up to \\$2,500](#) to working, independent family farmers located in the United States who raise beef cattle, bison, broiler chickens, dairy cows, goats, laying hens, pigs, sheep and/or turkeys. Grants are offered for farmers who are pursuing animal welfare certification, for welfare-certified farmers, and for farmers to improve or expand pasture for their animals.

Applications must be submitted online by December 1, 2020.

Read [more](#).

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## North Central Region SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Program

North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (NCR-SARE)'s [Farmer Rancher Grant Program](#) is a competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers who want to explore sustainable solutions to problems through on-farm research, demonstration, and education projects.

Farmer Rancher grants are offered as individual (\$9,000 maximum), team of two (\$18,000 maximum), or group (\$27,000 maximum) grants for ideas initiated by farmers and ranchers in the 12-state North Central Region. Grants support producers who are protecting natural resources, enhancing communities, and boosting profitability.

Proposals are due December 3, 2020.

Read [more](#).

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## Environmental Quality Incentives Program in Texas

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline for the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP).

Applications are taken year-round for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers.

The first funding application deadline is December 4, 2020.

Read [more](#).

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## Montana Growth Through Agriculture

The [Growth Through Agriculture](#) (GTA) program is a grant and loan program established by the Montana Legislature to strengthen and diversify Montana's agricultural industry through the development of new agricultural products and processes.

Examples of eligible project activities involve equipment purchases, construction costs, advertising and promotion, and consultant services for engineering. Projects should primarily add value to Montana's agricultural products, have prospects for achieving commercial success given the current personnel, experience, and resources of the applicant, and have the possibility to create and/or retain jobs in Montana.

A 1:1 match is required. Maximum funding is \$150,000, made up of a maximum of \$50,000 in the form of grant funding and up to \$100,000 in the form of loan funding.

Applications are due by December 7, 2020.

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- 11/21/2020 - Coyote Trail Buffalo Annual Production Auction - SD
- 11/24/2020 - Annual Bison Sale at Sisseton Livestock Auction, SD
- 11/28/2020 - Minnesota Bison Association's Legends of the Fall Show/Sale - MN
- 11/29/2020 - Rocking P Ranch Production Auction - SD
- 11/30/2020 - 3 Suns Bison Ranch – Final Dispersal Bison Auction Closing Day - FL
- 12/05/2020 - Kansas Buffalo Association Annual Production Sale - KS
- 12/8/2020 - Northern Range Buffalo Simulcast Consignment Auction - SD
- 12/10/2020 - Missouri Bison Association Fall Sale - MO
- 12/19/2020 - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Simulcast Auction - ND
- 1/02/2021 - Prairie Legends Bison Auction - NE
- 1/08/2021 - Montana Bison Assn. Winter Conference - MT
- 1/9/2021 - Turner Bison Exchange Prairie Performance Auction - SD
- 2/19/2021 - NBA - DTBA Joint Winter Conference - Rapid City, SD/Online
- 2/20/2021 - NBA GTSS & DTBA Girlz Going Wild Auction - Rapid City, SD/Online
- 3/20/2021 - Missouri Bison Association Spring Sale - MO
- 6/27/2021 - National Bison Assn. Summer Conference - Cheyenne, WY

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