Dear Bison Producer,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is conducting a national study of U.S. commercial bison operations. This study will provide a baseline description of U.S. bison operations, including operation characteristics; production and health management practices, marketing, producer-reported disease occurrence, and biosecurity practices.

You have been randomly selected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service to participate in the study. In about one week, you will receive the study questionnaire, along with a postage-paid return envelope.

Your participation is vital to the success of the study. Please complete the questionnaire and return it within 2 weeks. <u>Your survey responses will be strictly confidential</u> as required by law. Survey responses will be combined with those of other producers and will be reported collectively on regional and national levels.

Thank you for your help in making the Bison 2014 Study a success!

Sincerely, The NAHMS Staff National Animal Health Monitoring System