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NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING SYSTEM (NAHMS)

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NAHMS BISON 2022 STUDY

Participate in this national study to help improve knowledge about bison health and management.

You may receive free biological testing for parasites (pre- and post-deworming), enteric microbes, and pasture forage quality.

DID YOU KNOW?

NAHMS last conducted a national bison survey in 2014. This will be NAHMS' second national study of the U.S. bison industry, and another study likely will not occur for at least eight years.

WHAT IS NAHMS?

The National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services. NAHMS conducts national studies on the health and health management of U.S. domestic livestock populations.

To access reports from previous NAHMS studies or information on upcoming studies, visit the NAHMS website at:

www.aphis.usda.gov/nahms



HOW WILL IT WORK?

In July 2022, all bison producers identified by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) agricultural census will receive a Bison 2022 Study packet in the mail from NASS. The questionnaire should take about 40 minutes to finish and can be completed one of three ways (self-administered paper survey, self-administered electronic survey, and NASS-administered telephone survey). If you complete the survey and choose to participate in the planned free biological sampling portion of the study, we will—once we receive your consent—send test kits and detailed instructions on how to submit self-collected samples. All samples need to be returned by November 2022.

WHO PARTICIPATES?

All bison producers identified on the NASS list frame will be asked to participate. Participants are selected; producers not on the NASS list frame cannot volunteer to participate. Visit <https://www.agcounts.usda.gov/static/get-counted.html> to make sure your operation is included.

WHAT IS A PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY?

If you choose to participate, you are responsible for completing the questionnaire in a timely manner. If you decide to participate in the planned free biological sampling, you are asked to collect samples according to the provided instructions and return them in the timeframe requested.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Your participation in the NAHMS Bison 2022 Study will provide the bison industry and other producers with new and valuable information regarding bison health and management.

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INFORMATION FROM THE STUDY WILL BE USED TO:

- Describe current bison health management practices and producer-reported occurrence of common bison diseases, as well as changes since 2014;
- Learn more about bison parasites and treatment, enteric microbes found in bison, and nutritional quality of forage in bison pasture, via biologic testing conducted as part of the survey;
- Better characterize shipment and other movements of bison, which could help to mitigate disease outbreaks faster; and
- Help guide future education and research efforts.