

# MONTANA BISON



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## MONTANA BISON ASSOCIATION 2018 SUMMER CONFERENCE RECAP

The Montana Bison Association had a wonderful, educational summer tour on June 23 and 24 in the southeast part of the state. Buffalo Trails Ranch, owned by Chad Peterson and his family, along with Craig Denney's ranch near Laurel were both included on the tour.

Chad Peterson moved to Montana from Nebraska and has a large family operation where he uses unique pasture management and fencing to control his combined bison and cattle herds totaling 600 animals.

Craig and his wife, Julie, own the DDC Ranch in Park City MT and have a herd of approximately 65 head of bison. They operate a cow-calf operation. Craig is a board member and has previously served as President of the Association. Craig and Julie hosted the Saturday night dinner at their ranch that included a presentation by Russell Nemetz, of Nemetz Broadcasting, and was followed by our fun auction. Special thanks to Julie who did all the cooking and preparation for meals on both Friday and Saturday nights. Please see photos of the tour on page 12, and be sure to join in on the fun of a Summer Ranch Tour every summer.



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A promotional graphic for Montana Bison Fashion Furs &amp; Yarns. It features a red bison silhouette on the left. The text "MONTANA BISON FASHION FURS &amp; YARNS" is in white. Below that, the contact information for Jennifer Olsson is listed: "Jennifer Olsson jo@mtbisonfashionfurs.com", "406-539-8252 Bozeman, Montana", and "mtbisonfashionfurs.com". The background is blue with a grid pattern.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER WITH AARON PAULSON

Greetings friends, summer flew by far too quickly here. Hopefully you were able to take in the warm months and the fall is extended allowing everyone time to enjoy the outdoors. We had a good summer in Madison County. The weather was nice, and we were fortunate to have only a few wildfires that burned remote areas that were likely overdue for a lightning strike. The bison had a good summer, forage was abundant and although we had some below average precipitation mid-summer, we were fortunate enough to get good rainfall. There was even a fresh dusting of snow on the mountains before September 1st!

The MBA board is eagerly putting together the upcoming winter conference. We will be sure to lineup several educational presentations. If you have any ideas or requests for specific topics be sure to let a board member know soon.

MBA has been in touch with the, Valley County Conservation District, regarding bison ordinances. They are trying to revamp their previously approved ordinance to make it less onerous for bison producers. The process is taking time and they are attempting to get other counties on board, so any proposed addendum could be adopted and could then be approved by voters. They aren't ready for any proposed addendum on this November's ballot. The MT Department of Livestock (DOL) has also recently proposed changes to the board requesting they modify the import requirements for domestic bison to be similar to the regulations DOL requires for imported cattle. Continued on page 3



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER, CONT'

This is helpful for bison producers shipping domestic bison into the state, specifically as it pertains to brucellosis and TB testing. For more information visit the <http://liv.mt.gov>. We sent a letter of support for this proposed change.

Another recent topic of concern to all bison producers is the use of water buffalo products in pet food (and other products) and labeling it "buffalo". This is misleading the consumer into thinking bison is an ingredient, when it is not. We have followed the lead of the National Bison Association (NBA) and provided letters of support in an attempt to require the labeling requirements be changed.

Another recent subject on the radar of the United States Cattlemen Association (USCA) is, lab-grown meat. This is a protein product grown in a laboratory. We provided a letter of support to the USCA requesting that the labeling requirements be such that it clearly bifurcates lab-grown meat vs. authentic agriculturally raised meats such as bison, beef, chicken, or pork.

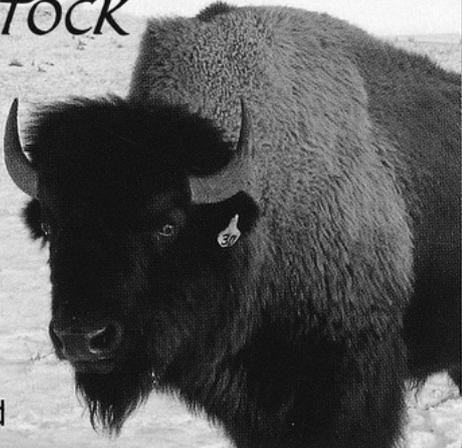
To read any of the letters of support we have recently submitted please go to <https://www.montanabison.org> and the letters are listed for your viewing.

On a final note, as producers are starting into fall work and shipping animals; be sure to accompany your bison with a shipping permit from <https://app.mt.gov/bison/>. Be safe and enjoy your fall. We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Conference on January 4 and 5th.

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## AT 20 YEARS, HOW THE MBA CAME TO BE BY CRAIG DENNEY

"How did the Montana Bison Association get started?", I occasionally get asked this, and my following response is based on my memory, which after 20 years, is not as good as it used to be.

In the fall of 1998, an informational meeting was held in Lewistown, Montana, at the Yogo Inn, with bison producers to see if a state bison association would be of interest to those in attendance. This first meeting was organized by TJ Benner of Fairfield, Montana.

The meeting was well attended, and there was good discussion concerning the possible benefits of getting a state bison/buffalo association up and running. In addition, this event introduced not only folks from our state, but bison producers from other states. Many good friendships were created as a result of this meeting with many continuing today.

One of the first discussions the pending association considered was what to call itself. Should it be the, Montana Bison Association, or, the Montana Buffalo Association? Considerable debate occurred on this topic. In addition; what to use as a logo? Eventually, we selected the logo from the, XIT Ranch, from, Volborg, Montana. XIT Ranchers, Chris and Jan Mitchell, made the offer. Following this first meeting, a committee was formed to review and draft up proposed By-Laws for an association. The new membership voted on the By-Laws and they went into effect as of January 1999. I believe Mr. Benner was voted in as the first President of the Association, and we then started with summer and winter meetings that, as you know, continue today.

The MBA has been blessed with a number of great individuals who have dedicated their own time to serve not only on the board, but also volunteer to help the association by allowing tours of their ranch along and working trade shows.



## THE NEW HOMESTEADERS A YOUNG COUPLE GROWS A BISON RANCH BY JENNIFER OLSSON

Jonathan Sepp and Brittany Masters have a dream, to build a life around bison. As members of the Montana Bison Association, we understand. We might say our attraction to working with bison is a calling, a romantic wild-west notion, a frontier spirit awakened; but simply, at some point in our lives, we found ourselves staring at a pasture of fuzzy headed, baritone growling, suspicious bison. We found ourselves there, in front of them, and told ourselves, knowing, without knowing exactly why, we were somehow going to get involved.

Jonathan's father was a Colonel in United States Air Force, and grew up in a military family that moved no less than fourteen times in the first eighteen years of his life. His mother was a school teacher. They did not own land, have family that ranched, or ever discussed calving, fencing, or crop rotation around the dinner table. What Jonathan had as a young person, was world wide experiences that took him back and forth across the United States, and to Stavanger, Norway. He learned to quickly adapt to his surroundings wherever the family landed, a skill that seems to have taught him familiarity and comfort, with risk and adventure. Qualities any bison rancher needs.

One of those long ago family moves had crossed the west, and he holds onto a favorite photo, snapped when he, as a four-year-old, stood next to his dad, with a large bison in the background. This youthful experience remained with him into adulthood when even during his nine years in the Air Force, an idea continually nudged, actually, relentlessly nagged his conscious towards bison, until he decided to act.

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## THE NEW HOMESTEADERS, CONT.

“Before I left the Air Force, I took leave to look for parcels in, Montana, I had found online. I settled here because the price per acre was hard to match anywhere else. To purchase the land, I secured a bare-land loan which requires a lot of cash down. To save the money for the down payment, I lived in a travel trailer on the base flight line for several years, and saved the housing allowance provided by my military salary. I got a lot of laughs from friends about that when they came to visit. I also searched high and low until I found a bank willing to say, ‘Yes,’ to lending, which was quite a process. A tribal bank, here on the Flathead, ended up giving me the money with some great terms that also included some underwriting gymnastics. As soon as my military commitment expired, I moved out to my newly acquired 240 acres, in Camas Prairie, Montana with my trailer.”

It was 2014, and Jonathan took a rotational job, during the oil boom, on a drilling rig in North Dakota. It allowed him to be on his land two weeks of every month. And, because he isn't a sleep-in-kind of guy, he learned to fence during his at-home weeks by working on a large ranch nearby. He was also part of the oil recession, and was laid off. So to keep paying the bills, he started his own fencing company, that successfully bid on large federal contracts in, Washington State.

It goes without saying, there is more to ranching bison than just herding them onto a plot of land. Jonathan researched how to ranch bison everywhere and way he could. He contacted the National Bison Association, and read all their materials. He read blogs on the internet from ranchers and agricultural sources, he spoke to bison ranchers, and bison ranch managers, and found his way to an MBA meeting. The MBA gave him a local network where he met people who could teach him how to manage, raise, and most importantly, fence for bison. “MBA member, Andrew Bardwell, was a great connection for me and always had helpful advice. Larry Feight, of High Country Ag Marketing, [www.hcam.net](http://www.hcam.net), was about 50% of the equation in getting started. His fencing style really appealed to me. He also had a vast network of people for me to contact and get answers from,” said Jonathan.

As Jonathan's bison knowledge grew, he also studied the financial structure required to assemble livestock. “The harsh reality is, banks don't loan on bison. FSA and USDA did not have a loan for me either. Raising and saving money by my own efforts was still the only way to get off the ground.”

Yet, in 2016, the day arrived when the gate to the newly fenced land, purchased by labor and a disciplined budget, opened to welcome Jonathan's first bison herd. Jonathan acquired his first nine heifers, at a more than fair price, from a ready seller on the Crow Reservation. “It was a fantastic opportunity. I was really lucky. I became aware of this sale through connections I made in the MBA.”

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## THE NEW HOMESTEADERS, CONT.

Imagine this young man finally standing in front of his dream; bison grazing behind the fence he built himself, on land he had sweated and sacrificed for. It became real that day because of the kind of willfulness and grit that pairs well with vision. Who says, the frontier is gone? But wait, there's more – while Jonathan's bison were peacefully corralled, he continued with his fencing company, and in 2016, on one of his trips to Washington, he met Brittany.

Brittany grew up in Seattle. She attended, Washington State University, and received her BA with a major in Public Relations. She started at the Boeing Company right out of college as an Internal Communications Specialist. Brittany then got her MBA at, Seattle Pacific University, where she attended night school. She held several positions during her nine years at Boeing including: Brand Manager in Partnership Marketing, and lastly, Marketing Director for the 777X Program. She spent several years developing an interactive brand marketing workshop, helping airlines launch, grow, and-or reposition their brand. "Somehow I convinced her to quit her job only two months after meeting me." Alchemy strikes again, and the lives of two kindred souls began their journey together.

Traveling for Boeing, internationally, leading brand workshops, as the brand manager for the 777X aircraft, Brittany suffered stomach issues from meats in Asia, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates. With a life long passion for health food, she already understood bison meat to be of superior quality as a protein. She was already familiar with making bison jerky, using her own recipes with a home smoker, as a way to keep herself healthy on those over seas trips. As Brittany and Jonathan looked ahead she realized, "There isn't a lot of margin in retailing bison meat. It became clear to me, jerky was a feasible product for maximum return, and a chance to turn a profit. We also had to focus on who we were selling to, and we chose the health food crowd. It's a picky niche, but we want to be successful in that market. The health food crowd wants transparency, where and how the food is grown and processed. Packaging needs to have a certain look, and the ingredients need to be wholesome and of course, healthy. Marketing was going to be an essential element in making a bison ranch happen."

Hence, Bison Bites Jerky, and [www.goroamfree.com](http://www.goroamfree.com) were born.

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## THE NEW HOMESTEADERS, CONT.

Not only did the couple need tasty recipes for their bison jerky, they needed to get approval by regulatory agencies, and find a processing plant that would work to their specifications.

As support for their new product began falling into place, Jonathan, who knows his way around a C-clamp, and is handy with saw and hammer, began to retrofit an old Air Stream trailer. They decided to make it into a multi-purpose space. The trailer would have an exhibit area telling the story of their bison jerky, from field to table, or as their slogan says, "From Our Land to Your Hand." It sported a retail marketing stand, and a place to live and sleep on the road. And by road, they mean - 40,000 miles during the summer of 2017. They traveled to county fairs, farmers markets, festivals, and conferences, selling, Bison Bites Jerky, spreading the message that bison is important as a healthy meat and a sustainable resource. They traveled just about everywhere west of Texas and Montana.

Their sojourn gained them essential feedback from customers, which required them to make changes to their recipes, even packaging. Some of the ingredients needed to be dropped or exchanged for choices their market deemed more desirable, thus accommodating the market they targeted, insuring their jerky would be more competitive and sellable in the future. "We found out what our market wanted by speaking directly to the consumers. We drew a market to us as people became educated by our message about holistic bison management and bison preservation. It just goes to show, you put yourself out there, and you find your people, by sharing what you do," said Brittany. And putting themselves out there meant making contracts with vendors in twenty-five states, several grocery store chains, and growing a mailing list of over 10,000 customers via direct sales through their their website, and Amazon.

Grassroots networking is also what brought them to their next challenge, growing their herd. "We sold out of the animals we had, we needed a way to grow our herd. So this year it is all about building up the ranch and supply. We are going from small to large in one leap," said Brittany. How to gain access to viable land without going into extreme debt? They approached an adjacent land owner bordering Jonathan's original 240 acres, and proposed that Jonathan would fence his neighbors land, if they would give him the opportunity to graze his bison on their property. In 2018, this arrangement gave them an additional 9800 acres. "Because we are adding equity to the owner's property with all this new fence, we reached a cost-share agreement based on discounted rates for installation. We aren't just fencing in our bison, we are also fencing boundary lines between state and tribal land that happens to border the owner's property." Jonathan pulled on heavy gloves and tore out ten miles of old, and in some places, wildfire-burned fence; then installed no less than seventeen miles of bison securing electric fence.

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## THE NEW HOMESTEADERS, CONT.

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As this young couple has slain each challenge with creative thinking, pencil to paper calculations, as well as elbow grease, it is profoundly clear, they have what it takes. When asked, what to tell a bison dreamer who wants to start their own operation, Jonathan said, "It's not something to jump into. You really have to want it, and even then, it is still a major challenge to be financially successful, and to get your foot in the door. To be a profitable bison rancher, you have to learn how to do EVERYTHING yourself, and be willing to do whatever it takes. There is no secret sauce, just hard work and perseverance. And — when in doubt, Google it."

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- 11/03/2018 - Buffalo Crossing Ranch Production Auction - KY
- 11/09/2018 - Oklahoma Bison Association Junior Judging Competition - OK
- 11/09/2018 - Flying H Buffalo, Inc. Production Auction - ND
- 11/10/2018 - Antelope Island State Park Bison Auction - UT
- 11/10/2018 - Quarter Circle Y Bison Auction - SD
- 11/10/2018 - Oklahoma Bison Association Bison Auction - OK
- 11/14/2018 - Maxwell Wildlife Refuge Annual Bison Auction - KS
- 11/17/2018 - Custer State Park Bison Auction - SD
- 11/17/2018 - 777 Bison Ranch Annual Production and Bull Auction - SD
- 11/18/2018 - Canadian Bison Association's 35th Annual Conference/Sale - SK
- 11/19/2018 - Brownotter/Jet Annual Production Buffalo Auction - SD
- 11/26/2018 - Coyote Trail Buffalo Ranch Production Auction - SD
- 11/23/2018 - Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Bison Fundamentals Workshop - MN
- 11/24/2018 - Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Legends of the Fall Auction - MN
- 11/25/2018 - Rocking P Ranch 6th Annual Production Sale - SD
- 12/01/2018 - Western Bison Association Wild West Stampede Sale - UT
- 12/01/2018 - Kansas Buffalo Association Annual Production Sale - KS
- 12/08/2018 - North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Conference & Sale - ND
- 12/14/2018 - Bar 33 Bison Auction - ND
- 1/04/2018 - Montana Bison Association Winter Conference - MT
- 1/05/2019 - Turner Ranches Prairie Performance Auction - SD
- 1/23/2019 - NBA Junior Judging Competition - CO
- 1/23/2019 - NBA Winter Conference and Gold Trophy Show - CO
- 2/02/2019 - Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Annual Conference & Sale - SD

# NATIONAL BISON ASSOCIATION NEWS

## BISON RANCHERS CORRAL D.C. POLICYMAKERS ON LABELING, TRADE, RESEARCH

More than 35 Meetings Held during Three Day Stampede

Washington, D.C. (September 14, 2018) – A delegation of 18 bison ranchers from 11 states headed home today after a stampeding across the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Capitol Hill for two days this week to discuss truth-in-labeling, herd health research, trade, and farm bill priorities.

The ranchers conducted more than 35 meetings on Wednesday and Thursday and headed home with several commitments for continued policy initiatives to support the growth and profitability of the bison business.

Among the items discussed were steps to improve truth in labeling, research to help address bison herd health issues, improved market news collection, and farm bill programs to support the ability of new producers to enter the business.

“This was an extremely productive week for the bison business,” said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. “We came to town with a long list of priority issues and found a receptive audience in nearly every meeting.

Truth in labeling topped the bison association’s priority list this week. That issue moved to the forefront after some retailers have in the U.S. have started carrying ground imported water buffalo meat simply labeled as “Wild Buffalo – Free Range.”

“There’s no doubt that the customers buying these products believe they are buying American bison. That’s simply not true,” Carter said.

The ranchers met jointly with officials from USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service, and the Food and Drug Administration to discuss steps to enforce honest labeling. Carter noted that the water buffalo meat now in the marketplace is using a regulatory loophole that allows it to come into the marketplace without USDA or state-equivalent inspection. The FDA, however, does have authority to enforce penalties against companies that market misbranded products.

We talked about the importance of immediate action to stop current practices, and the need for potential longer-term solutions,” Carter said.

In separate meetings with the National Institute for Food and Agriculture, the National Academy of Science and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the bison delegation discussed a variety of research and disease assessment priorities needed to support the health of the North American bison herd.



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# RANCH TOUR RECAP

## BY ROLAND R.H. KROOS

In preparation for the Saturday morning MBA tour on the Peterson Ranch, Chad shared his grazing management philosophy with people on Friday night. Approximately 25 people heard Chad explain how he manages 900 head of bison and another 900 head of yearling cattle. Chad moved from Newport, NE to Molt, MT four years ago when he purchased a wore-out wheat farm. Those attending the tour were amazed at how quickly the land was rebounding with Chad's grazing management.

Whether he is managing his bison or cattle herds, Chad expects these animals to improve the ecological health of the land. Chad explained and showed photos on how he tries to create a healthy water cycle, mineral cycle, biological community, and energy flow by grazing these animals. Chad described how he uses a Holistic Grazing approach to improve the health of the soil and create very productive pastures. Chad has built over 60 miles of fence on his 6,000-acre ranch and uses a very creative fence layout to manage all his livestock. The Google Earth photo below shows bison strip grazing one of his pastures.



The photo below shows how much plant material Chad is returning to the soil surface. Keeping the soil surface covered creates a very healthy water cycle. Chad shared how the ranch received over 4" rain the last week and very little precipitation ran off his land. To get the necessary animal impact and prevent his livestock from overgrazing the land, Chad is constantly adjusting and changing when each of his pastures are grazed. Depending on precipitation and amount of forage in each pasture, Chad changes how intensively he grazes each pasture. He told the group that he has placed almost 100 head per acre at a time to get the land improvement he wants. He did caution not to try this with bison, however he has been able to place as many as 20-30 head of yearling bison/acre with no problems.



When grazing at high stock densities, Chad told those attending that he moves his livestock daily. When managing really ultra-high stock density, he will move every 2-3 hours. How long he grazes a pasture and how quickly he returns is all determined by the most severely grazed plant. Below you can see how slowly this grazed plant is recovered from a recent grazing. Chad tries to give most of his pastures a 2-year recovery period. When he purchased this ranch, most of the land was bare due to the previous farming practices. It took two years to create enough plant material to cover the soil's surface.

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Chad demonstrated to those attending that you can intensively graze bison. You simply need to make it their idea. Bison historically moved into a new area on a daily basis in search of fresh forage, so moving them frequently into a new pasture is natural for them. Chad showed everyone the 3-wire electric fence and watering tanks he uses. As with all livestock management, Chad stressed that you need to manage all your livestock using Low-Stress handling techniques.

I believe everyone who attended really enjoyed seeing how bison can be used to help regenerate the health of the land. In the past the health of the land and bison herds seemed interlinked with human actions. From what we saw at Chad's; this continues to remain true today.

[Durham Ranch Holistic Management Seminar – March 18 - 21, 2019 in Wright, Wyoming. Contact Roland Kroos at [kroosing@msn.com](mailto:kroosing@msn.com) if interested]

## 2018 SUMMER RANCH TOUR GALLERY

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## MONTANA BISON ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE - JANUARY 4 - 5 - MISSOULA

Mark your calendars for January 4 - 5, for the Montana Bison Association's annual Winter Conference! The board of directors are finalizing the meeting details, but we promise another fun and educational event filled with top notch speakers, great food and incredible company! Host hotel is the Missoula Hilton Garden Inn, learn more at [www.montanabison.org](http://www.montanabison.org) and please plan to join us!



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## MBA WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The Montana Bison Association Winter Conference will be held this year in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn, where there is a block of discounted rooms available. The event will take place on January 4th and 5th and will feature an array of guest speakers, as well as an update from the National Bison Association. Please keep an eye on the MBA Facebook page and website for updates on conference lodging and an updated conference agenda.

Cost for the General Conference will be \$100/person and includes three meals. Please keep an eye on the MBA Facebook page and website for updates on conference lodging and an updated conference agenda. Online Conference Registration will soon be available at [www.montanabison.org](http://www.montanabison.org).

Reservations accepted through December 21, 2018.

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## NBA UNVEILS CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS MYCOPLASMA BOVIS

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The NBA's Science and Research Committee, in cooperation with South Dakota State University, unveiled a plan to address Mycoplasma bovis in bison herds. M. bovis is a respiratory disease that can decimate infected bison. While a vaccine is available to producers through Newport Labs - <http://www.newportlabs.com/> - the primary treatment today is management including providing a low-stress environment for your herd with quality water and feed, and avoiding overcrowding.

South Dakota State University's Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab has agreed to collect and test samples of infected bison as the first step in identifying an isolate as to develop an effective vaccine and treatment program. We are seeking 100 samples to be submitted. To do so, producers will have to submit a completed form along with the necropsied sample, which you can do with or without your veterinarian. Please submit this form if your veterinarian is submitting the sample, or this form if you are sending it on your own. The samples will then be DNA tested by South Dakota State University and you will be charged \$65 for the testing. Learn more about the SDSU Diagnostics Lab at <https://www.sdstate.edu/veterinary-biomedical-sciences/animal-disease-research-and-diagnostic-laboratory>.

Please help the bison business eradicate this terrible disease by doing your part and submitting your samples of any losses and email [jim@bisoncentral.com](mailto:jim@bisoncentral.com) with any questions.

## MOTOR CARRIER RULEMAKING COULD MEAN GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR FARMERS, RANCHERS AND TRUCKERS - FROM THE NORTHERN AG NETWORK

One of the biggest topics of the year for the U.S. Agriculture Industry has been Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) and Hours of Service (HOS) for those hauling Agricultural commodities and livestock to and from market. And on Tuesday some big progress was announced regarding this issue.

"The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration today released an important proposal that recognizes the difficulties inherent in moving farm commodities and livestock, alike" said Andrew Walmsley, director, congressional relations at the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"We are grateful for this first step to consider options for flexibility in hours-of-service rules. Farm Bureau will continue to work with our partners in industry, FMCSA and Congress to find long-term solutions that address the unique needs of transporting agricultural products, the hauling of live animals in particular. It is imperative that we seek solutions that account not just for motorist safety, but the health and welfare of animals being transported, as well."

Background: FMCSA is seeking public comment on revising current Hours of Service regulations, which limit the hours drivers may be on the road. The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will seek input on four specific areas of HOS.

Read more at [northernag.net/AGNews/AgNewsStories/TabId/657/ArtMID/2927/ArticleId/9149/Motor-Carrier-Rulemaking-Could-Mean-Greater-Flexibility-for-Farmers-Ranchers-and-Truckers.aspx](http://northernag.net/AGNews/AgNewsStories/TabId/657/ArtMID/2927/ArticleId/9149/Motor-Carrier-Rulemaking-Could-Mean-Greater-Flexibility-for-Farmers-Ranchers-and-Truckers.aspx)



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