

IBMP Briefing Statement

Agency: USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Issue: Bison Hauling, Bison Quarantine

Date: 8/6/2008

Background:

- Update on APHIS activities regarding 2007-2008 winter IBMP

Current Status:

- Bison Hauling: 1276 bison hauled to slaughter from Stephen's Creek
- Bison Sampling: University of Montana and YNP partners sampled bison for brucellosis and Johne's at slaughter plants
 - ID slaughter plant surveillance: 47% seropositive
 - MT slaughter plant surveillance: 42% seropositive
 - MT slaughter plant (bulls only): 65% seropositive
- Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study:
 - 1st Cohort-Phase II: 43 --- 3 and 4 year olds
 - 22 of 23 calved; 16 live calves-all sero & culture negative
 - 14 open cows held for breeding, to calve spring 2009
 - 2nd Cohort-Phase I: 112 yearling accepted to quarantine
 - 23 seropositives slaughtered and cultured
 - 4 mortalities
 - 85 currently in herd: 22 males, 63 females
 - Waiting for 1st herd negative test

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