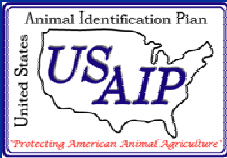


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Bison and Cattle Producer  
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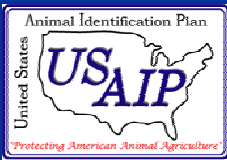


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- **Members**

- Wayne Buckhotz, ND: rancher, board member of
  - North American Bison Co-op
- Bill Edwards: rancher: Eastern States Bison Co-op
- John Flocchini, ND: Rancher, Durham Ranch
- Dave Carter, CO, Executive Director, National Bison Association
- One additional member to be named (Representing small producers)



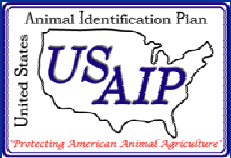
## **The Bison Industry in perspective**

- National herd estimated at +/- 270,000 animals
- 34,400 animals processed under USDA inspection in 2003
- Approximately 2,000 ranchers
- Ranches in every state (including Hawaii)



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- **Background**
  - Bison industry implementing voluntary USDA Process Verification Program
    - Source verified one component of program
    - Utilizes ear tags and RFID
    - Tagging and marketing now getting underway
  - National Bison Assn. program can serve as baseline for animal ID
    - Single tag can be used for ID
    - Dual tags required for marketing program
  - Other issues
    - Need a unique species code
    - Can coordinate with cattle industry on premise ID



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