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Question1:

Question2: The U.S. Gov. policies need to take a proactive role instead of a reactive one. Many believe that USDA needs to encourage and support alternative crops and livestock to make us more competitive in global markets. "For too long, the inequitable distribution of farm program benefits have contributed to an unsustainable system of highly concentrated, farmers and ranchers producing a narrow spectrum of crops and livestock." To compete we as a nation need to change and be proactive about identifying the need for it. Bison meat is the perfect example of where we have abundant opportunities to take a leading stance for nutrition and competitive opportunities for the U.S. The world needs to be healthier to avoid future health care costs and disasters. The USDA and particularly the Food and Nutrition Service has unique opportunities to promote healthier diets and make better products available to our clients. All of the FNS food programs can benefit from Bison/Buffalo. To start I would recommend adding Bison to be a permanent item in the FNS food packages provided to the FDPIR and other national FNS food programs for which commodities are purchased. (i.e. the NSLP, SBP, CACFP, CSFP). We need to increase the variety of our products offered and Bison is the perfect start making sense nutritionally, environmentally and socially. Please consider bison as a healthier alternative to what is offered to the American people who suffer from obesity and other health related issues. Michael Todd

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