

Bison Purchase Fact Sheet

- On February 10, 2015, USDA announced the Bison Purchase Program
- USDA plans to purchase ground lean bison for Federal food nutrition assistance programs, specifically the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations also known as FDPIR.
- FDPIR is a Federal program that provides USDA foods to low-income households, including the elderly, living on Indian reservations, and to Native American families residing in designated areas near reservations and in the State of Oklahoma.
- The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) continues in its outreach efforts to work and provide assistance to Native American owned companies that are interested in becoming eligible suppliers for USDA Purchase Programs.
- To date, AMS has approved 3 Native American owned companies that have the opportunity to participate in USDA Purchase Programs.
- An Invitation for Bids known as a Solicitation for the lean ground bison is expected to be out in early March with delivery periods between July and October 2015.
- At this time there are 2 companies that have the potential to bid on the Solicitation and they just both happen to be Native American owned companies. Kiva Sun Foods and Native American Enterprises.
- This is especially meaningful and exciting in that Native American owned companies will have the opportunity to provide ground lean bison to Native American recipients in the FDPIR Program.
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