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TO: All Interested Persons
 FROM: Bob Hamilton
 DATE: December 28, 2011
 RE: 2011 (18th Annual) Bison Roundup Summary: November 2-8, 2011
 Tallgrass Prairie Preserve, OK

Bison at Roundup/worked through corral	2,804 head totaling 2,096,148 pounds
Known Roundup escapees/uncatchable	none
Number of 2011-Born Calves	755 (370 female, 380 male, 5 unknown)
Largest & Smallest Calves	450 lb bull; 170 lb bull (red calf)
Number of Red Calves (1-2 mo. old at roundup)	2 bull calves
Calving Rate (# calves at roundup ÷ # females of calving age)	79.6% (17-year average of 71%)
Largest Bison Worked	1735 lb 2005-born Bull
Number Sold	721 total (548 in 11-11; 173 in 7-11)
Number Purchased or Acquired by Trade	None
Over-Wintering Herd Size	2,254 (2,127 in Bison Unit; 127 yearling “dinkers” in Spring & Bison Traps likely to be sold in 7-12)
Expected Spring 2012 Calf Crop	600-700
Bison Unit Year-Round Pasture Size	23,304 acres

<u>Cattle Summary</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u># Head</u>
Patch-Burn Study (4/10 – 9/30)	10,745	2,160
Short-Season (4/10 – 7/15)	<u>2,260</u>	<u>620</u>
	13,005	2,780