



In a valiant effort to bring much needed rain to their ranch, John and Melanie Cammack, along with their family, will be hosting a Ranch Tour at Cammack Buffalo Ranch near Stoneville, South Dakota. John has been keeping his fingers crossed that the promise of lots of visitors to the ranch will bring on the rain. For most of us in the grip of a nasty drought, well, it's a sure bet there would not be any complaints if it did rain!

All kidding aside, the Cammacks are very excited to open up their ranch on behalf of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. The association board of directors decided earlier this year that it would be a good time for a more "hand's on" approach to the numerous Bison Advantage workshops that have been taking place in the last couple of years. Everyone felt it would be a beneficial learning tool for established and new or prospective producers.

The ranch tour will take place on Saturday, August 25 and will begin at 9 a.m. mountain time. John is planning to work a few head of yearling bulls through their handling facility at that time and this will offer an opportunity for everyone to see their handling facility in operation as well as ask questions and discuss the pros and cons of various set ups. John will also share how his family got started in the buffalo business as well as some insight and com-

parisons on raising cattle and buffalo, as the ranch currently does both.

There will also be a presentation from the National Bison Association on their upcoming release of the next video in their Risk Management Training Series project. This is an exciting project that has been taking shape over the past year, with NBA staff traveling around the country filming various aspects of bison production and handling and interviewing numerous people involved in the industry. These training videos cover many aspects of the business and are a valuable resource for anyone in the industry. With the imminent release of the next video, this will be a great opportunity for attendees to get a jump on the video's content and get updated information on bison handling and management.

Following the morning's activities, everyone will gather for a buffalo burger lunch. The afternoon will consist of tours of the Cammack herds, with opportunities to ask questions and see the ranch's management practices firsthand. One of the herds that will be showcased in the afternoon is the DTBA Girlz Gone Wild yearling heifers. Cammack Buffalo Ranch is the host ranch for this first time class. A group of yearling heifers from ten consignors was sent to the ranch in early February. They will be at the ranch until February 2013, at which time they will be returning to Rapid City as part of the DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic. The idea behind this class is to bring the yearling heifers to a host ranch and then return them to the show the following year as two-year-old bred heifers.

This will be a great opportunity for people to see an operation that has come a long way in a few short years. The Cammacks started out in the buffalo business in 1998 with the purchase of 22 head. Today, their herds number into the hundreds and they have established themselves solidly in the business. They began showing their animals exclusively at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic back in 2006 and have won trophies every year since then, culminating in being named Producer of the Year in 2008. Their animals have placed in numerous live animal classes as well as the Reality Based Carcass class, a testament to the fact that this operation is well rounded and has put the effort into producing top quality animals.

Several vendors will be set up out at the ranch for the day. Cammack Ranch Supply in Union Center will have a display set up with ranch equipment, livestock supplies and fencing materials. Doug Woodall from Big Sky Ranch in Granville, North Dakota, is planning to bring a new chute system for attendees to look over. DTBA will have a booth set up with information and items for sale such as the Bison Breeder's Handbook and some new DTBA promotional clothing items. We are also planning for the NBA to set up a display with promotional materials and information.

The ranch is located 11 miles north of Union Center (located on Highway 34) on Stoneville Road, then go right on Old Stoneville Road and it's the first place on the right. There is a large Cammack Ranch sign at the entrance.

From Rapid City: East on I-90 to New Underwood, Exit 78, turn left and head north across the bridge then approximately 32 miles north on New Underwood Road to the junction of Highway 34. Turn east on Highway 34 for 8 miles to Union Center. Watch for signs and then head north on Stoneville Road. It's about an hour and a half traveling time from Rapid City (approximately 80 miles)

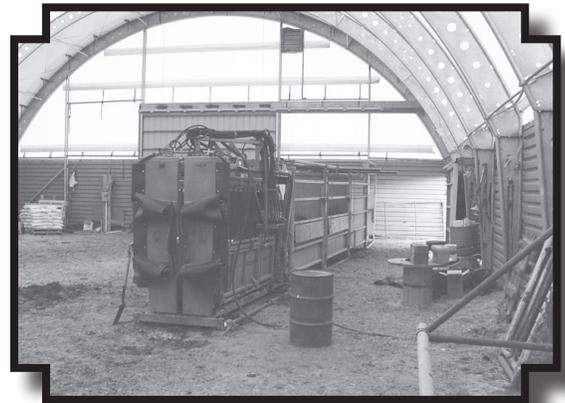
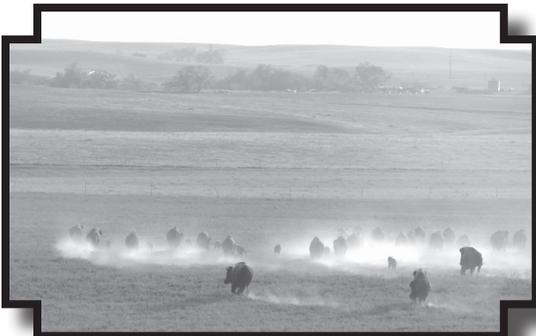
From Sturgis: East on Highway 34 for 46 miles to Union Center. Watch for signs and then head north on Stoneville Road. It's about an hour traveling time from Sturgis (approximately 60 miles).

Coming from the east on I-90: Take Exit 78 at New Underwood and turn right at the top of the off ramp onto New Underwood Road. Remaining directions are the same as from Rapid City.

For those needing overnight accommodations, both Rapid City and Sturgis offer a variety of hotels. Wall also has several hotels if you are coming in from the east. If you need assistance with any details, please contact the DTBA as shown below.

The cost for attendees is for the Ranch Day Tour is \$10 per person to help offset the cost of the lunch. Registration forms are available on the DTBA website at [www.dakotabuffalo.com](http://www.dakotabuffalo.com) and links can be found on our Facebook page at Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. Registrations should be postmarked by August 20 to ensure enough food will be prepared for all attendees. Registrations the day of the tour are welcome and we will do our best to accommodate any and all for the lunch, but only pre-registered attendees will be guaranteed lunch.

For more information, please contact the DTBA at (605) 858-0961 or email to [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com).





# CAMMACK BUFFALO RANCH TOUR AND LUNCH

## Saturday, August 25, 2012



**WHAT:** Cammack Buffalo Ranch Tour - John and Melanie Cammack and family.

**WHERE:** Cammack Buffalo Ranch, Stoneville, SD. 11 miles north of Union Center.

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 25. Starts at 9:00 a.m.

**WHO CAN COME:** Anyone interested in learning more about buffalo and buffalo production. We especially encourage anyone interested in getting into the buffalo industry or any newcomers to make plans to attend. DTBA membership is not required.

**COST:** \$10 per person. Lunch will be included. Please fill out the form below and send in with payment to confirm your registration.

**QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:** (605) 858-0961 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com).



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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending Cammack Buffalo Ranch Tour @ \$10 Per Person \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Those Attending \_\_\_\_\_

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(Optional) 2012 (if not yet paid) or 2013 DTBA Membership Dues @ \$50 Each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION or DTBA  
REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Monday, August 20, 2012.**

**Mail to: DTBA, PO Box 4104, Rapid City, SD 57709-4104**