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ALL ABOARD! It's Conference Time

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone and we are just weeks away from our annual conference. As we board the Dakota Territory Express for our trip, make sure and join us, as there will be a lot of information shared and plenty of activities for everyone.

Panel discussions will talk about everything from auction formats to herd health to all the latest information in the business. One of the topics that might be of interest is an update on the Legion Lake fire here in South Dakota this past December. Not only was the herd in Custer State Park affected by the fire, but two of our private producers were impacted as well, with one right in the path of the fire. It will be difficult to talk about, but the information shared can be valuable to everyone. Much like it was with Winter Storm Atlas, compassion runs deep in the agricultural sector. We have received donations of hay, a place to house animals that could not stay where they were and monetary donations that will be used to help our producers recover from the devastation of the fire's aftermath. Generosity knows no bounds and we'll give you an update on the herds that have been impacted and let you know how you can help recovery efforts if wish to do so.

There will be cause for celebration as well, triumphs in the challenge classes will be front and center, as we award those bulls and heifers that put up the numbers this past year. We will also be welcoming our new executive directors and getting them ready to step into the limelight as the new faces of the DTBA.

For anyone interested, new this year will be a Bison Advantage workshop at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Friday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. in room 206. Jim Matheson with the National Bison Association, will conduct the workshop and while it is geared toward new or want to be new producers, everyone is welcome to attend. Please help us get the word out to anyone who might be interested in this informative and helpful session.

If you are in need of some laughs, there's always the Fun Auction, which in our case, is always a great time filled with laughter and some pranks. This is our main fundraiser for the year, so be on the lookout for unusual and fun items to donate and be ready for a lot of fun as we wind down the conference day.

The weekend will come to a close with the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Auction on Sunday morning. We are slated to offer 22 head of Young Guns yearling breeding bulls and 31 head of Girlz Going Wild yearling heifers. Final results and the auction catalog will be available the week of January 16.

Please get your registrations in as soon as possible for this can't miss event. We are anxious to get the journey underway and hope you will make plans to ride with us to our next destination!

Make Hotel Reservations NOW!

Our host hotel for our Winter Conference will be the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City.

On Friday afternoon, February 2, we will have a Bison Advantage workshop, a consignor meeting and our welcoming reception at Prairie Edge. Saturday, February 3 is conference day and awards banquet that evening and our auction will be held on Sunday, February 4. Please make your hotel reservations accordingly. **We have a room block set aside, just ask for the Dakota Territory room block when you make reservations. The hotel number is (605) 343-8550. Don't wait! The hotel sells out this weekend every year. Call today!**





Notes From The President - Moritz Espy

I hope the holidays have treated everyone well. I attended the North Dakota Buffalo Association conference in Bismarck in mid-December. Hats off to Kevin Leier and everyone involved for a successful conference and sale. On my way, home I stopped by Larry Carr's place to check out the Young Guns. These bulls are gaining well and are extremely gentle. Larry has done a fine job with these bulls, so bring your trailers to winter conference and auction, as this will be an excellent opportunity to buy quality bulls.

It has been a busy few months around here. My deepest thanks to Karen Conley, the current board and the members who helped in the selection process of our new executive directors, Melanie & John Cammack, Bruce Anderson, and Suzi Kremer, thank you for your time and expertise. I will not go into too much detail, as will learn more about Patrick Toomey and Tammi Cooley from themselves. I believe that having two executive directors will benefit the DTBA by capitalizing on each one's strengths and providing a consolidated team effort to the challenges ahead. Karen, myself and the new ED team are working through job details and logistics to ensure a seamless transition.

During this winter's conference, the board will be losing two valuable members. Brodie Limpert and Perry Handyside have been invaluable in steering the DTBA over the last several years.



They both brought unique perspectives and level heads to every meeting. Replacing them will be impossible, but it provides an opportunity for you to seek a position on the board. How can the DTBA better serve its members, how do we create more value, can the DTBA improve its effectiveness within the industry? If you think this or have ideas for solutions, please consider throwing your hat in the ring and make it known you're interested in a board position. Elections will take place at our conference on Saturday, February 3.

In December, there was a fire that affected three DTBA members, the Chad and Suzi Kremer family, Dave and Marguerite Reyelts, and Custer State Park. I am proud to be a part of an industry that supports each other. I received a lot of calls and texts from members about what they could do to help and, of course, I deferred them to Karen. In usual Karen fashion, she set up a fund in the DTBA to help. It is too soon to measure the total damage so far but the board of the DTBA will do their best to use those resources to make those affected as whole as possible.

Looking forward to seeing each one of you at the Winter Conference. We have a great lineup planned and we don't want the train to leave the station without you, so climb aboard and let's get the ride underway!

~ Moritz

Meet the new Executive Directors - Patrick Toomey & Tammi Cooley



My grandfather told me one time while we were out in his expansive, suburban garden in western Pennsylvania that it never really matters what the plant does above ground. It matters what takes place below ground, that which you can't see. That makes the difference. His tomato patch would be weedy and generally have a mild infestation of aphids causing some stunted and yellowed plants. He never planted in rows, always promoted bugs, and never cared for the looks. It was a true eyesore from the road, but

instead of listening to county officials and keeping it up to their liking, he simply planted a belt of Virginia juniper to block the view. He went on to have the best tomatoes in Westmoreland County for decades, so I guess there had to be a grain of truth to the adage.

My name is Patrick Toomey, and I am a bit like my grandfather's tomato patch for the DTBA Executive Director. From the surface, I am an eastern kid that played hockey a majority of my time growing up and only began my work in the environmental and agricultural fields as a college student at the University of Wyoming. I have had a variety of professional experiences ranging from internships with the US Forest Service to permitting and reclamation in Wyoming's oil and gas industry. Most recently, I have worked with Tribal bison herds across the country, focusing on spiritual and cultural restoration. From the "road" I may not be the typical Executive Director choice for one of the nation's top regional bison producer associations. However, remember, it's what's in the roots that matters most.

Below the surface, I am deeply rooted in hard work, commu-

nity, integrity, ingenuity, over delivering, and sustainability. I have seen the power of cooperation. I know the benefits of achieving my goals by helping you achieve yours. I understand the need for local traditions and camaraderie.

I don't plan on changing the DTBA, there is no reason to. Our roots are strong. As Executive Director, I look forward to engaging our membership and our partners to further bison production in our region and building opportunities for long term growth. With that I would like to thank you for this opportunity and promise to be the best that I can be for the DTBA, our membership, and the bison we all hold dear.



Greetings DTBA members. My name is Tammi Cooley and I am thrilled to be part of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

I grew up in Hot Springs, SD and after I graduated from high school, I joined the Army to see the world. After I was done traveling, I came back to South Dakota. I went to National American University and earned my Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. I have worked in the accounting field ever since, so I have a lot of accounting and office experience. For the last six years, I have worked at Prairie Edge, where I do the bookkeeping for them and the 777 Buffalo Ranch. For the last few years, Moritz and the 777 crew have let me come out and help with the roundup. I enjoy getting out of the office and experiencing what they do. I love it because I get to meet new people and see the buffalo up close. I think that bison are amazing animals and I am eager to learn more about them and serve the people of the DTBA. I look forward to meeting you all at the Winter Conference in February.



Board of Directors Needs Candidates

At our annual meeting coming up in February, we will have two positions open on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact the office or any of the current board members. Positions are for three year terms.

At this time, current board members Brodie Limpert and Perry Handyside will be stepping down due to term limits and their vacancy will need to be filled with two new people.

Our board is crucial to the success of your association. Any of our board members are more than willing to share their experiences with any prospective candidates.

Contact information for all of our board members can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Become a difference maker!

Membership Fees For 2018 Now Due

Membership fees are now due for the 2018 year. Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year.

The year your dues have been paid through is above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it says "2017", you need to renew your dues at this time. If the date on your newsletter is 2016 or prior, your dues need to be paid now in order to reinstate your membership and continue to receive goods and services from the association. Of course, some have already paid their membership dues and it will be reflected on your label with a "2018" or beyond. Annual dues are just \$75 for the year.

All of our members are important to the association. Take a few minutes and fill out and return the membership/conference registration insert included in this newsletter.

Sponsorships Needed For 2018

With our 2018 events in the not so distant future, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time for our Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge, the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge.

We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Winter Conference speakers, events and coffee breaks. Anyone interested in sponsoring other specific items, such as conference folders, signage for our sponsors, etc. is more than welcome to do so. Thank you to those of you who have so graciously stepped forward to sponsor and/or donate up to this point. Your generosity is much appreciated!

For more information on sponsorships, contact Karen at (605) 519-1326 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Mimi Hillenbrand of the 777 Ranch and the great staff at the store, we will be having the popular Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge in downtown Rapid City as a kick-off to our Winter Conference. The store is unique and the hospitality is top notch, so if you have never had the chance to get there, you need to do this!

The reception will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2. Prairie Edge is located at 606 Main Street, right in the heart of downtown Rapid City. Food and beverages are courtesy of the event sponsors. You can shop and browse around the expansive store during the reception.

Following the reception, there is an ice skating rink across the street from the east side of the store. That is Main Street Square. They rent ice skates and are open until later in the evening, so some of you might want to lace up and take to the ice! Other evening events include the PRCA rodeo at the civic center, a concert at the fairgrounds Event Center and of course, the infamous DTBA Hospitality Room will be open at the Ramkota hotel for socializing.

NBA Hosts Bison Advantage Workshop

Make plans now to attend a FREE Bison Advantage Workshop at the Black Hills Stock Show in Rapid City, SD. Hosted by the National Bison Association and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, the workshop will be held on Friday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. MST in room 206 (upper concourse) of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

Come and learn about this new and emerging sector of sustainable American agriculture. Quality bison carcasses are valued at three times that of beef currently with consumer demand still unmet. Come learn about the Bison Advantages that include: no artificial shelter (barns, etc.) needed; Efficient feed utilization; Long productive life; Females calve on their own; Extremely hardy animals, that are disease resistant (read: low vet/medical costs); Low fat + high protein meat = Excellent Product with Strong consumer demand; Bison thrive in most American landscapes

There is no charge for the workshop and it is open to anyone interested in learning more about the business of bison. No pre-registration required, just come and join us!

For more information about the workshop, contact Karen Conley at (605) 519-1326.

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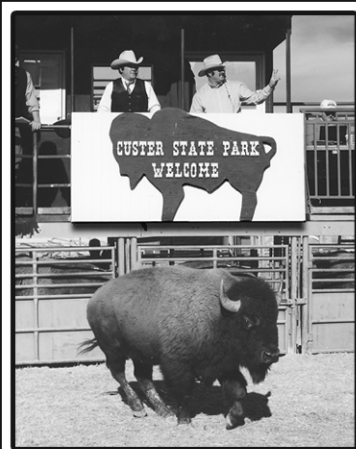


Handing Off The Reins To a New Generation of Producers

By Perry Handyside
DTBA Secretary/Treasurer

"This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change." - Taylor Swift

These are exciting times for the buffalo industry and the



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Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. The times still feel new, dynamic, and are changing. Looking back, we are grateful to the Pioneers of our Association who have blazed the trail for the next generation of buffalo ranchers and provided a good foundation for the industry to build upon. Looking forward, the millennials (Generation Y) will inherit an established buffalo industry, higher meat prices, better quality breeding stock, and a much stronger DTBA. These millennials are prepared to guide our Association through a new wilderness of issues like animal welfare, video auctions, social media marketing, and regional expansion of our membership. This generational relationship may be compared to a 4 x 400 meter relay.....we've ran the first lap as far as we can, and now the time has come to pass the baton before things start slowing down. I believe this new generation of buffalo ranchers is ready.....they should be.....we trained them!

"...I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself." Shooter - Teton Sioux

Sticking together is important and the DTBA is good at it! The buffalo industry is currently enjoying a prosperous period of time, but the hard times will come again and we all know that. As an Association let's take advantage of these prosperous times, build our membership, build up our cash reserve, and make sure we brand the "Young Guns" program as the highest quality yearling bull sale in the nation! We can do this by serving on the Board of Directors, supporting our Committees, and staying in contact with our Executive Directors. Our Executive Directors are talented and they work hard but they need a helping hand from the membership and our support. Please get to know our new Executive Directors, ask them what you can do to help.....let's stick together.

Finally, this February I will be completing my second term on the Board of Directors. It has been my privilege to serve the members of the DTBA, thank you for the opportunity.



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North Dakota Buffalo Association Regroups and Begins A New Chapter

By Kevin Leier
NDBA Executive Director

2017 was a regroup, refocus and rethink type of year when it comes to the NDBA. The work this association has done throughout the last year revolved around the idea that it is time to start anew and establish a series of new initiatives. These decisions were aimed at bringing the North Dakota Buffalo Association back into the fold as a Region Association with value to offer both members and the industry as a whole. The collective efforts of our team came through with the creation of our very first Simulcast Production Auction and a Winter Meeting geared to give producers the information they need to stay relevant in this industry.

On Dec. 15th the NDBA members gathered at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, ND to take in the afternoon. With just over 75 participants, this was the best attended NDBA event in a number of years. The meeting focused on two main areas to inform members about what is taking place in the industry today. Jim Matheson from the NBA gave a great presentation on the current state of the bison industry from a National Perspective and I was able to update our members on the efforts and numbers currently within our local bison industry here in North Dakota. The meeting concluded with an excellent panel of producers that pulled back the curtain on mycoplasma and the effects it is having on our industry. This issue is something that has reared its ugly head this year in North Dakota and our board of directors felt this topic was something that needed to be addressed. The information that was shared from our panel, "Managing through Mycoplasma", was

impressive and shocking to say the least. We can't thank those individuals enough for sharing their stories and expertise in handling this disease and the members in attendance benefitted immensely. As an industry, we know very little about this issue but we are tracking in the right direction as we continue to talk more about it.

The evening portion of the event was highlighted by our new Multi-Producer Simulcast Production Auction. Right from the banquet room, Bradeen Auction called the sale and with the combination of live bidding in the room and bidding online, the sale proved to be a success. The NDBA auctioned off 239 head of healthy bison that kept pace with current market prices. 9 consignors from North and South Dakota participated and the overall effort was well received as this format brought the competition of the market right to the animals at the ranch. Like any new initiative, we have some adjustments and tweaks to make but the path forward in live market commercial sales for the NDBA seems to be much clearer as we move forward. The reduced stress, overall health of the animals, and reduced exposure to sale barn hoof traffic made for a format that both consignors and buyers appreciated.

Overall, 2017 saw some big changes at the NDBA but we are well positioned and ready to move forward into the future. The focus of information, education, marketing and industry trends will continue to guide the decisions as we move forward. Thank you again to all who participated in the event and we look forward to another great year in 2018!

November 26, 2017 - Prairie Sky Annual Production Auction - South Dakota

Group	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2016 Average \$	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Heifer Calves	43	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$1,800	418	\$4.01
Bull Calves	48	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,159	421	\$4.75
Mature Trophy Bulls	7	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	N/A	N/A
Total Animals Sold	98						



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2018 Winter Conference Tentative Schedule of Events

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Throughout the Day - Black Hills Buffalo Classic animals arrive and unload at the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Bison Advantage Workshop, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Room 206 (upper concourse)

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Consignor's Meeting. Will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in the Caboose (Executive Lounge)

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Welcoming Party at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, 606 Main St., Rapid City, SD

7:30 p.m. - ????????? - Evening on your own. The hospitality room will be open in the Caboose (Executive Lounge) at the Ramkota Hotel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018 - All events in Sylvan I & II rooms unless otherwise indicated

7:30 a.m. - Registration - Foyer area of the Convention Center II.

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast available in Sylvan I & II.

8:30 a.m. - All Aboard! Call Business Meeting to Order, board candidates, introduction of new executive directors

9:30 a.m. - Jim Matheson, National Bison Association Update

10:00 a.m. - Whistle Stop - Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - InterTribal Buffalo Council update

10:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - A Platform for Future Destinations: Video Auctions

11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. - Getting Back on Track: The Legion Lake Fire

11:25 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - South Dakota Animal Industry Board, Update on Animal Health Issues

11:45 a.m. - Board of Director's Elections and Conclusion of Business Meeting

12:00 p.m. - Lunch, Dining Car (Sheridan and Pactola rooms)

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Panel Discussion - Engineering Success (Bob Dineen, Bruce Anderson, Marielle Hewitt, Boyd Meyer, Moritz Espy and others)

2:30 p.m. - Whistle Stop - Coffee Break

2:45 p.m. - Kevin Leier - Don't Get Derailed: The Value of Breeding Stock

5:30 p.m. - Social with cash bar in the Dining Car (Sheridan and Pactola rooms)

6:15 p.m. - Banquet in the Dining Car (Sheridan and Pactola rooms)

7:15 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

7:45 p.m. - Bison Bingo and FUN AUCTION!!

10:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room open in the Caboose (Executive Lounge) immediately after the Fun Auction.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Breakfast on your own.

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Animal viewing in the pens on the south side of the Bridger Steel Pavilion, Central States Fairgrounds. Bidder registration will be in the Lion's Club building adjacent to the Bridger Steel Pavilion, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic judges and Girlz Going Wild and Young Guns Host Ranches available for comments and information. Sale ring in the Bridger Steel Pavilion.

10:00 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale, Bridger Steel Pavilion.



November 18, 2017 - Custer State Park Fall Classic - South Dakota							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2016 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Mature Cows, Bred	26	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,773	\$3,456	990	\$3.81
Mature Cows, Open	24	\$2,250	\$1,800	\$2,075	\$2,489	916	\$2.27
Two Year Old Heifers, Bred	4	\$4,900	\$4,500	\$4,700	\$3,740	951	\$4.94
Two Year Old Heifers, Open	14	\$2,700	\$2,500	\$2,529	N/A	848	\$2.98
Yearling Heifers	9	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,790	582	\$3.61
Heifer Calves	10	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$2,111	346	\$4.77
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	53	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$2,350	390	\$4.87
Bull Calves, Light Cut	37	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,138	330	\$5.45
Yearling Bulls	48	\$2,550	\$2,350	\$2,433	\$2,763	726	\$3.35
Two Year Old Grade Bulls	3	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,781	929	\$3.01
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	18	\$3,750	\$3,100	\$3,175	\$3,250	1115	\$2.85
Mature Bulls	9	\$4,600	\$2,900	\$3,511	N/A	1458	\$2.41
Total Animals Sold	255						

November 18, 2017 - 777 Ranch Annual Production Auction - South Dakota							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2016 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Medium Heifer Calves	102	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$1,400	N/A	295	\$4.75
Heavy Heifer Calves	19	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$1,575	N/A	380	\$4.14
Light Heifer Calves	28	\$975	\$975	\$975	N/A	235	\$4.15
Medium Bull Calves	218	\$1,775	\$1,550	\$1,663	N/A	318	\$5.23
Heavy Bull Calves	74	\$2,125	\$2,125	\$2,125	N/A	410	\$5.18
Light Bull Calves	34	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	N/A	250	\$5.20
Yearling Bulls	45	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$2,592	713	\$3.58
Two Year Old Grade Bulls	30	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150	N/A	983	\$3.21
Four Year Old Open Cows	58	\$2,850	\$2,275	\$2,496	N/A	1039	\$2.38
Two Year Old & Yearling Open Heifers	13	\$2,300	\$2,000	\$2,175	N/A	698	\$3.12
Mature Cows, Bred	68	\$3,750	\$3,200	\$3,505	N/A	1053	\$3.35
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	20	\$6,750	\$4,250	\$4,500	\$3,359	1145	\$3.93
Total Animals Sold	709						

November 11, 2017 - Quarter Circle Y Production Auction - South Dakota							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2016 Average \$	Avg. Weight	Price/lb.
Two Year Old Heifers, Bred	43	\$5,500	\$4,300	\$4,567	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yearling Bulls	58	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$2,900	N/A	893	\$3.25
Yearling Heifers	36	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450	N/A	758	\$3.23
Light Yearlings (mixed)	5	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fall Yearlings (mixed)	5	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bull Calves	42	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300	N/A	408	\$5.64
Light Bull Calves	17	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heifer Calves	52	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	N/A	395	\$5.06
Light Heifer Calves	12	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Animals Sold	270						



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Group	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2016 Average \$	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	134	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,300.00	479	\$4.38
Bull Calves, Medium Cut	31	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,245.00	369	\$5.49
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	88	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,900.00	450	\$3.56
Heifer Calves, Medium Cut	59	\$1,575.00	\$1,585.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,900.00	373	\$4.22
Yearling Bulls	19	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,900.00	636	\$3.93
Total Animals Sold	331						

Calendar of Upcoming Buffalo Auctions, Events and Happenings

January 17 – 19, 2018: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

January 20: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 2 - 3: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or www.dakotabuffalo.com.

February 4: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or www.dakotabuffalo.com.

February 12 - 14: Diamond Tail Ranch Power Genetics Online Bull Auction. www.diamontailranch.com.

February 20 - 23: Seminar: Discover the Keys to Successful

Bison and Land Management. Durham Ranch, Gillette, WY. <http://www.crossroadsranchconsulting.com/#!/educational-services/c2522>

March 2 -3: Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association Spring Conference. Marriott Hotel, Westminster, CO. <http://www.buffaloranchers.com/workshops/>

March 5 - 8: Seminar: Discover the Keys to Successful Bison and Land Management. Northstar Bison, Rice Lake, WI. <http://www.crossroadsranchconsulting.com/#!/educational-services/c2522>

April 20 - 22: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Spring Conference. Watertown, SD. Hosted by Kevin & Joan Stormo, Tatanka Hills. <http://mnbison.org/events/>

June 27 -29: National Bison Association Summer Conference, Kansas City, KS. www.bisoncentral.com



WINTER CONFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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