



# UNITED WE ROAM

2026 National Bison Association Winter Conference

## AGENDA

**Wednesday** **1.21.26**

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| 7:30 AM - 4 PM | Gold Trophy Show and Sale Animal Check-in at National Western Stock Show |
| 10 AM - 4 PM   | National Bison Association Committee and Board Meetings                  |
| 3 PM - 6 PM    | Registration Open  |
| 3 PM - 7 PM    | Tradeshow Open   |
| 4 PM - 7 PM    | Welcome Reception and Bison Research Poster Session                      |

**Thursday** **1.22.26**

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| 7 AM - 9 AM        | Breakfast  |
| 7 AM - 5 PM        | Registration Open  |
| 7:30 AM - 9 AM     | New Attendee Breakfast   |
| 8 AM- 6 PM         | Tradeshow Open   |
| 9 AM - 11 AM       | Decoding Bison: Body Condition Scoring, Nutrition, Supplemental Feeding and Grazing with Dr. Jeff Martin and Dr. Phil Urso, South Dakota State University                    |
| 9 AM - 11 AM       | Bison Marketplace Update: Bison Export Opportunities - USMEF, Natural Protein Sector Update with Mack Graves - Meatingplace, LMIC Market Analysis, Growth Fund 2025 Report   |
| 11 AM - 11:15 AM   | Break - Visit the Vendors  |
| 11:15 AM- 12:15 PM | Returning Buffalo to the Land Panel Discussion with Troy Heinert - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Heather Dawn Thompson - WWF, and Dawn Sherman - Tanka Fund                      |
| 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM | Lunch - Meal sponsored by North American Bison LLC   |
| 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM  | Raising Market-Ready Calves with Dick Gehring, Black Kettle Buffalo  |
| 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM  | National Buffalo Foundation – Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask   |
| 2:20 PM - 3:15 PM  | Mycoplasma Bovis Update with Dr. Tom Bragg - Turner Enterprises, Inc., Dr. Danielle Buttke - National Park Service, and Dr. Bryan Kaplan - USDA Agriculture Research Service |

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| 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM | Break - Visit the Vendors   |
| 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM | Bison Marketers' Discussion: Direct Marketer and Commercial Marketer Panels                         |
| 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM | Center of Excellence in Bison Studies Update with Dr. Kristi Cammack, South Dakota State University |
| 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Social Hour   |
| 6:30 PM - 9 PM    | Dinner followed by Fundraising Auction - Meal sponsored by Frontiere Natural Meats                  |
| <b>Friday</b>     | <b>1.23.26</b>  |
| 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Breakfast   |
| 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | Gold Trophy Show and Sale Consignor's Meeting   |
| 8 AM - 12 PM      | Registration Open   |
| 8 AM - 6 PM       | Tradeshow Open  |
| 8 AM - 9 AM       | Voter Registration Opens for NBA Membership Meeting   |
| 9 AM - 12 PM      | Larry Higgins Junior Judging Event at the National Western Stock Show                               |
| 9 AM - 11 AM      | NBA Membership Meeting: Elections, Reports, and Partner Updates                                     |
| 11 AM - 5 PM      | Shuttle to the National Western Stock Show (NWSS)   |
| Noon - 2 PM       | Lunch at NWSS Stock Yard Event Center - Meal sponsored by Rocky Mountain Natural Meats              |
| 1 PM - 2 PM       | Live <i>Bison Insider</i> Podcast Recording   |
| 2 PM - 3 PM       | Buffalero Q&A   |
| 5 PM - 6 PM       | Social Hour with live music   |
| 6 PM - 8 PM       | Dinner followed by Gold Trophy Awards - Meal sponsored by Rocky Mountain Natural Meats              |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>1.24.26</b>  |
| 8 AM - 2 PM       | Shuttle to the National Western Stock Show  |
| 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | Gold Trophy Show Judges Comments  |
| 9 AM - 10 AM      | Gold Trophy Sale Buyer Registration   |
| 10 AM - 2 PM      | Gold Trophy Live Sale   |

Registration link and additional conference information can be found at:

<https://nationalbison.org/event/national-bison-association-winter-conference/>

The 2026 Winter Conference will be held at the Omni Interlocken, 500 Interlocken Blvd., Broomfield, CO. Take advantage of the conference room block at the rate of \$159/night. Link for booking available at:

<https://nationalbison.org/event/national-bison-association-winter-conference/>.

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