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Well, up here in the north country, we have already had our winter! We have received 25" of snow and have had -40° chill factor (-18° actual) for temperatures. This brings up a very important point about winter nutrition.

In our country the buffalo can not dig in the soil, lick it or eat dirt in the winter, so all the minerals they will receive have to be in what ever we feed them. It is very crucial for buffalo to have free choice access to a well balanced mineral mix to be able to handle winter stresses.

Traditionally, in our part of the country, producers have used their rankest, poorest hay in the fall. This also is when the cows will eat mineral more readily, partly I believe because of the poor hay and partly because they are building next year's calves.

The mineral mix that is needed by cattle-men in your area should work nicely for you. This varies with location, but your county agent can inform you on what is needed in your area. I use a Hardy's trace mineral mix free choice and it works very well for me in this area. Then later this winter I will put out

some steamed bone meal to get a little more phosphorus into my cows.

I have had two calls this month on using a liquid mineral protein mix for buffalo. I'm not in favor of this for two reasons: 1) the protein is urea and although it will really make an animal look nice, it will not make him very tough for dealing with winter stresses. During severe storms, you will lose animals that would have survived on old rank hay. 2) Also, I do not feel that you can be using urea and then say that the product you are marketing is a natural protein to your health conscious consumer.

Collins Honored at Special Custer State Park Presentation

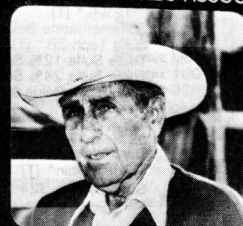
Martin Collins was formally inducted into the Buffalo Hall of Fame in a brief ceremony which preceded the opening of CSP's 1986 buffalo sale.

Collins, born October 1, 1901, is believed to be the oldest living, active buffalo producer and also claims the title for having raised buffalo the longest. His first buffalo were purchased in 1925 shortly after his marriage to his wife Leonetta. Collins had buffalo when he

had little else and his 60+ years of experience is an invaluable resource for newcomers in today's market.

The Collins buffalo herd which is maintained at around 60 head has been in its present Black Hills (South Dakota) location since 1939. Collins' Buffalo Home has gradually evolved through the years to its present status as a major tourist attraction on U.S. Hwy 385 north of Pactola Lake in the Northern Black Hills. Collins has introduced and educated many thousands of the uninitiated to the realities of buffalo production through the years. His care and devotion to his herd sets a fine example for everyone who has been welcomed by Collins and his family when visiting Collins' Buffalo Home.

THE NATIONAL BUFFALO ASSOCIATION



Martin Collins - Current Honoree

1985 Buffalo Hall of Fame

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