



Western Regional Bison Conference

2026 Western Regional Bison Conference

June 26 & 27, 2026 – Syracuse, Utah

Antelope Island State Park: 4528 West 1700 South Syracuse, UT 84075

Hilton Garden Inn: 762 Heritage Park Blvd, Layton, UT 84041

The Agenda:

Friday, June 26th

5:00 PM – Registration open at Hilton Garden Inn/ Fahrenheit Lounge

5:30 PM – Dinner Buffet Opens (Baked Potato Bar with Chili and Fixings)

8:00 PM – Dinner and Social Time Concludes

Saturday, June 27th

8:00 AM – Bus begins loading at Hilton Garden Inn

8:15 AM – Bus departs for Antelope Island State Park (30-45 Minute Ride)

8:55 AM – Arrive at Visitor and Education Center

9:00 AM – Welcome and Secrets of Great Salt Lake Movie Screening

10:00 AM – Load Bus – Travel to Bates Bison Corrals

10:30 AM – Bison Working Facilities Tour/ Bison Herd Tour (Guided Field Tours)

12:30 PM – Lunch and exploring at the Historic Fielding Garr Ranch – Catered by Island Buffalo Grill

2:15 PM – Return to Visitor Center

3:00 PM – Bison Body Condition Scoring – Angie Lemminger (South Dakota State University)

3:45 PM – Bison Mineral Supplementation – Aaron Elison (Redmond Minerals)

4:30 PM – Bison Panel – Jim Matheson Facilitating (National Bison Association)

5:30 PM – Social Time and Networking

6:00 PM – Dinner at the Salt Ridge Event Space – Catered by Roosters

7:15 PM – Load Bus for Return to Hotel

8:00 PM – Arrive at Conference Hotel



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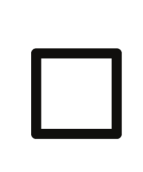
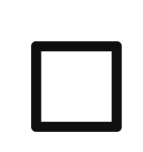
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What do you think?

Help us keep bringing the best in bison education and networking by completing a short survey.



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION RESOURCES

SDState Extension Resources (<https://extension.sdstate.edu/tags/bison>)

SDSU Extension - Bison by the Numbers StoryMap

Martin, J. M., and Wehus-Tow, B. (2021). Bison by the Numbers: ArcGIS StoryMap and Data. Cent. Excell. Bison Stud. South Dakota State Univ. Available at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6cc9ee1b777447128d811238babfe1ed>



<https://bit.ly/4brOj0t>

SDSU Extension - Climate Toolbox Walkthrough

Martin, J. (2024). Climate Toolbox How-To: Preparing Your Ranch for Future Climate Scenarios. SDSU Ext., 1–10. Available at: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/climate-toolbox-how-preparing-your-ranch-future-climate-scenarios>



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SDSU Extension - Decoding Bison: Refining the Bison Body Condition Score & Bison BCS Guide

Martin, J. M., and Lemminger, A. (2025). Decoding Bison: Refining the Bison Body Condition Score. SDSU Ext. Available at: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/decoding-bison-refining-bison-body-condition-score>



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SDSU Extension - Decoding Bison Dietary Selection: More Than Just Grass

Martin, J. M. (2025). Decoding Bison Dietary Selection: More Than Just Grass. SDSU Ext. Available at: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/decoding-bison-dietary-selection-more-just-grass>



<https://bit.ly/3MgXOFw>

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE RESOURCES

NRCS Technical Note No 190-BIO-95 Conservation Planning with Bison Producers

Simpson, B., Hilken, T., Martin, J. M., Whitman, L., Boll, T., Green, S., et al. (2024). Conservation planning with bison producers. USDA-NRCS, 190-BIO-94, 1–41. Available at: [https://directives.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files2/1732536012/TN-190-BIO-94 Conservation Planning with Bison Producers.pdf](https://directives.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files2/1732536012/TN-190-BIO-94%20Conservation%20Planning%20with%20Bison%20Producers.pdf)



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SEEKING SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Building a Community of Practice that
Includes Bison Producers and NRCS Staff

Researchers at South Dakota State University are studying bison management and the use of resources from USDA-NRCS. Your insights are important and will help improve tools for the industry.

Things to know:

- * Your participation is voluntary.
- * Online survey will take approximately 20 minutes.
- * You must be at least 18 years of age and have experience as a bison herd manager and/or owner.
- * All responses are anonymous and confidential, and results will only be reported in aggregated form.

Our team is at the National Bison Association Winter Conference! Please visit us at the Center of Excellence for Bison Studies booth or find us at the meeting to learn more about bison research!

If you have questions about this or other research projects, please contact:
Dr. Rachel Short (Rachel.Short@sdstate.edu) or
Dr. Jeff Martin (Jeff.Martin@sdstate.edu).

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Scan the QR Code for
quick access to the survey!



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Bison Health Network

A network to address bison health challenges



Connecting stakeholders



Discussing existing and emerging health challenges



Attending regional, state and national meetings



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For more information on the Bison Health Network

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About the Growth Fund

The NBA Growth Fund was established to raise important funds that support the efforts of the NBA's outreach to consumers and the general promotion of bison to the public.

Donations to this fund will not only raise these crucial outreach funds, but also support the day to day operations of the NBA's important work.

How to help

Support bison consumer and producer outreach! Just scan to donate at www.nationalbison.org or email info@nationalbison.org to set up invoicing.



1. How the Growth Fund works

The concept is for producers to donate \$1/head of bison processed annually, matched by the processor.



2. How the funds are used

Growth Fund maximizes funds for consumer outreach, education, and producer recruitment.



3. Why you should contribute

The more we collectively contribute, the more consumers we can educate.



4. Not a Check-Off Program

The NBA Growth Fund is a voluntary fund that is not regulated like federally mandated check-off programs. As such, Growth Fund marketer-contributors get to direct how this fund is used!

Thank you Sponsors!

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