

2027 CONFERENCE AGENDA

This year's agenda brings together producers, researchers, tribal partners, marketers, and industry leaders for three days of learning and connection. Featured programming includes:

- Expert Stage Sessions – producer-driven insights and practical knowledge
- General Sessions & Panels – market updates, herd health, policy, and stewardship
- Networking Events – meals, receptions, and community-building opportunities
- Hands-On Learning – youth programming, judging, and producer roundtables

Wednesday 1.20.27	
7:30 AM - 4 PM	GTSS Animal Check in at NWSS
3 - 6 PM	Registration Open
3 - 6 PM	Tradeshow Open
4 - 7 PM	Welcome Reception & Research Poster Session
Thursday 1.21.27	
7 AM - 5 PM	Registration Open
7:30 AM - 9 AM	New Attendee Breakfast
8 AM- 6 PM	Tradeshow Open
8 AM - 5 PM	Meet the Expert Stage
9 - 10 AM	Virtual Fencing for Bison - Cody Spencer
10-11 AM	Modern Day Bison Genetics Panel - Dr. Beth Shapiro
11:15 AM- 12 PM	Low Stress Handling - John Halstead
12 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Decoding Bison - New Producer Session
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Bison Marketer's Meeting
4 - 5 PM	Bison Marketers' Panel - Direct and Commercial
5 - 6 PM	Social Hour
6 - 9 PM	Dinner and Benefit Auction

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Friday 1.22.27	
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Gold Trophy Show and Sale Consignor's Meeting
8 AM - Noon	Registration Open
8 AM - 6 PM	Tradeshow Open
9 AM - 12:00 PM	Junior Judging at NWSS - Hosted by RMBA
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Bison Cooking Demo with Chef Ethan, The Fort Restaurant
9:30 - 11:30 AM	NBA Officer Elections, Membership Meeting, Partner Reports
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch
1 - 2 PM	NBA Board Meeting
12 - 2 PM	Track One - GTSS Animal Viewing at NWSS/ Buffalero Q&A
2 - 5 PM	Track Two - Production - Conner Buccholz, Dick Gehring, Dave Lautt
2 - 5 PM	Track Three - Marketing - Theresa Stangel, Matt Skoglund
2 - 5 PM	Track Four - Land Health Management - Melissa Maggio, Sylvia Hickenlooper, Kelly Pruitt
5 PM - 6 PM	Social Hour
6 PM - 9 PM	Dinner and GTSS Awards
Saturday 1.23.27	
8 - 9:30 AM	GTSS Judges Comments
10 AM - 2 PM	GTSS Live Sale