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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Mark Silzer

With the passage of winter and the arrival of spring comes a degree of optimism. It is time for a new start - a new calf crop, grain or specialty crops being planted, a good start on pastures and hay crops, or a new business initiative being pursued. With this optimism, producers also recognize the challenges whether it be price uncertainty, problems with either too much or too little moisture, regulatory uncertainty or the uncertainty created by international trade talks.

In the context of this optimism and uncertainty, there is progress on many fronts. Although bison prices are not yet to where we would like to see them, prices for finished animals continue to improve, driven by increased consumer demand.

Continued upward price movement on finished bison will in time be reflected in the value of breeding and feeder stock. This could happen more rapidly if some of the regulatory constraints could be addressed. Factors like transportation costs, extra testing and paper work required to move animals into the U.S. and costs associated with disposing of slaughter wastes (which prior to BSE were sold by processing plants) in Canada all have an impact on the prices paid to the bison cow calf operator.

The CBA continues to make representation on behalf of the industry to reduce the regulatory burden for animals being exported as well as encouraging the government to work with the

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## CBA PRESIDENT MEETS WITH NEW AG MINISTER CHUCK STRAHL

On March 7, 2006, CBA President Mark Silzer participated in a roundtable discussion with other farm leaders and Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Chuck Strahl.

During the meeting, president Silzer emphasized that one of the industry's major priorities is to work with parliamentarians and government officials to ensure improved access to the US market. Because Canada and the U.S. are considered minimal risk BSE countries, the bison industry strongly supports the two governments working together to normalize trade so that the North American bison industry can grow.

"Industry growth will be facilitated by harmonizing Canadian and US regulations," stated Mark Silzer. There is a need to remove requirements to brand and off-load bison destined for U.S. feed-

lots. This would also eliminate the need for many producers to truck the extra distance to the North Portal border crossing. Mark also emphasized that Canada should encourage the USDA to address these issues in their rule making process.

Mr. Silzer also indicated that in addition to normalizing trade with our U.S. neighbours, the EU offers significant potential in which to market hormone-free meat. Although there has been some market penetration, market growth has been hampered by high tariffs. Although government officials have provided leadership in requesting a reduction in the 20% EU tariff on Canadian bison, Canadian officials must continue to work to reduce or eliminate tariffs on bison destined for the EU. "We do not want this issue to be lost in World Trade Talks," stressed Mr. Silzer.

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USDA to create a trade environment similar to that which existed prior to May 2003. The CBA is also working with the National Bison Association to deal with U.S. regulations so that federally inspected bison products shipped from Canada to be reprocessed without restrictions. This is presently not the case and is forcing more producers to slaughter animals in the U.S. to maximize their returns. In order to see the necessary investment in infrastructure to allow the industry to grow and be cost competitive, we need to work to insure regulatory harmonization between Canada and the United States.

Although it is uncertain as to when the present border restrictions will be removed, the recent discovery of additional BSE cases in cattle in Canada as well as the United States appear to have had little impact on the market. This is a positive sign and may be a reflection of the consumer and industry confidence that North American BSE surveillance and control strategies are working.

The CBA had the opportunity to attend an industry roundtable and meet with the new Minister of Agriculture. Although it was the bison industry's first meeting with Minister Strahl, we were able to highlight the issues facing the industry. We have also followed up in writing to insure that BSE related trade issues are not lost and to insure the removal of tariffs on bison products exported to the European Union are included in the World Trade talks.

(Meeting with Ag Minister Continued from Page 1)

In response to a question by the Minister, to assist in trade with the U.S. Mr. Silzer stressed the need to move to resolve the Anaplasmosis and Blue Tongue issue quickly as it remains a significant trade irritant with or trading partner.

Mr. Silzer also indicated that although the bison industry would prefer to get their returns from the marketplace, there are circumstances like those created by BSE that require specific risk management tools. He stressed the need for the government to work with industry to improve risk management programs available to producers that are administratively simple and bankable. He emphasized the need to improve or replace the present

On the marketing front, there have been several activities initiated with the approval of government funding to increase the profile of bison products in the domestic markets. More information is provided elsewhere in Bison Link.

Although we have requested that the changes to the present grading system be dealt with expeditiously, progress continues to be slow as these recommendations move forward through the machinery of government. Hopefully, the summer will see new grading regulations to assist the producers in improving returns from bull and heifer carcasses.

The CBA continues to communicate with government officials about progress on renewing the Bison Registry. As you may recall, information through the registry will assist the industry to insure that bison are not listed as a threatened species. Continued producer support will be necessary for success of this initiative.

I would like to close by expressing by appreciation to all those members who have renewed their memberships and continue to support marketing initiatives through the marketing fees. It is with your support that we can move the industry forward in a manner that will ensure long-term viability.

I hope all have a very prosperous season.

CAIS program as it is not meeting the intended needs.

In the discussion there were also suggestions to work on provincial/federal slaughter equivalency for the domestic markets.

"It was a beneficial first meeting" indicated Mark Silzer. It gave the bison industry an opportunity to convey our concerns early in this government's mandate. Minister Strahl also mentioned the high costs of health care in this country and the need to be proactive and make health lifestyle choices. "This is an optimistic sign for the bison industry" concluded CBA President Mark Silzer.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT-Terry Kremeniuk

Events of the first quarter of 2006 have seen signs of optimism in the bison industry. There have been price increases in both Canada and the United States since live feeder and slaughter bison have been allowed into the United States. The marketing strategies of industry and the national and regional bison associations have contributed to the consumer awareness and bison meat demand in North America and Europe. These strategies must continue.

Over the next year, considerable attention will be focused on marketing domestically and internationally. With the federal funding received to assist the bison industry to deal with the consequences of BSE, the CBA will be implementing focused marketing strategies that will create increased sustainable demand for bison products domestically and internationally.

Domestically, there is a need to expand bison products marketed in the large metropolitan areas of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. This will be achieved by working with marketers to introduce bison products on the menus of large national restaurant chains and on the shelves of a large regional or national retail food store. In addition, bison will be featured on a television cooking show that is to be aired nationally. These strategies will be complemented by support to culinary schools throughout Canada and promotional activities with chefs in the targeted regions.

There are activities that will support farmer direct market expansion. Improved product pricing information is being developed for farm direct marketers to ensure that they are maximizing the value of their carcasses. Over the next few months there will be additional point of sales brochures available to farm direct marketers. We will also update our flagship brochure "Canadian Bison." A DVD providing cooking instructions that can be used by direct marketers is also being considered. In addition, the CBA website is being updated to include information on where to buy bison.

Internationally, the CBA is planning to participate in international trade shows in Europe and in the United States. Support will also be provided for IBC 2007 to maintain the global profile of bison. There are also provisions to support communication of the grading system when it is finalized. Assistance is also available to provide financial support to the CBA office to assist in placing age verification information on the CCIA website to make those bison export ready.

This marketing focus will enhance consumer awareness of bison and bison products and will ultimately increase consumption. Continuing to diversify the market domestically, in Europe and in the U.S. will eliminate the risk related to focusing only on one market. This strategy will contribute to the long-term growth and profitability of the bison industry in North America.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### May 10, 2006

11:00 a.m.

KRAMER AUCTION SALE LTD  
North Battleford, SK  
Back to the Grass Bison Sale  
-over 500 head of bison consigned  
PH: 306-445-5000

#### May 13, 2006

11:00 a.m.

WILLOWVIEW AUCTIONS  
Beaverlodge, AB  
PH: 780-354-2794

#### May 12, 2006

Deadline to advertise in the summer issue of  
Smoke Signals  
Call S. G. Bennett Marketing Services  
Ph: 204-895-2222

#### May 31, 2006

SASKATCHEWAN BISON ASSOCIATION is hosting an Economic Outlook Session. The objective is to inform lenders with regard to the improved economic circumstances for the bison industry.  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Saskatoon Inn  
Saskatoon, SK  
For more information call Jim @ 585-6304

#### June 1, 2006

SASKATCHEWAN BISON ASSOCIATION is hosting an Economic Outlook Session. The objective is to inform lenders with regard to the improved economic circumstances for the bison industry.  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
West Harvest Inn  
Regina, SK  
For more information call Jim @ 585-6304

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## GREAT CANADIAN BISON BREEDER SALE

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The Great Canadian Bison Breeder Sale conducted by Vold Jones and Vold Auction Co of Ponoka Alberta on February 20, 2006 was conducted flawlessly with other sales being planned. This sale was organized with the objectives of providing producers with cost effective access to other auctioneering facilities, creating a venue for marketing breeding stock, recognizing wood and plains bison breeders and their stock, reinforcing the importance of the bison registry and promoting bison and the bison industry amongst stakeholders and the general public.

Besides strong Alberta bison producer in attendance, there were bison producer representation from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Wyoming. Also in attendance were former bison association directors, many interested observers and media coverage was clearly evident.

Despite the great show of support, committed buyers were few. The result was consignors saw their quality breed stock auctioned for slaughter price.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Averages</u>
Heifer Calves	\$233/hd
Bull Calves	\$395/hd
Yearling Heifers	\$430/hd
Exposed Heifers	\$425/hd
2 yr old breed bulls	\$740/hd
Yearling Bulls	\$610/hd

This sale provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the bison industry. The public was educated through tremendous media coverage with the predicable response .... "Where can I buy buffalo?"

To the consignors who blazed the trail for others to follow, thank you and we sincerely hope your sacrifice will be repaid one day. Also, thank you to the buyers and a special thank you to all bison producers who came out to show their support.

By: John Pilon, Bison Producer and Bison Registry Committee Member

### PRICES AND OPTIMISM UP AT SBA'S PREMIUM STOCK SHOW & SALE

A combination of strong prices in the US, a partially opened US border and steadily growing markets for bison meat in Canada, the US and Europe are starting to have an impact on prices paid for bison breeding stock and overall producer optimism here in Saskatchewan. That's the assessment of Kurt Wigness and Ivan Thomson, co-chairs of the Saskatchewan Bison Association's (SBA) 2006 Premium Stock Show and Sale, held Saturday March 11 at Kramer Auction Sales, North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

According to Kurt Wigness, "It was apparent at the sale that a more upbeat mood was emerging in the province's bison industry following several years of low-prices due to drought, BSE and the need to build markets for bison products. A capacity crowd of producers packed the Kramer facility on the Friday evening prior to the sale to attend the trophy presentation for the show. The people there were hopeful that the positive price signals we've been noticing would be reflected in the prices paid for animals at the sale the following day and they weren't disappointed. We had

over 160 of some of the best bison breeding stock prospects in western Canada at the sale and they sold well."

The Grand and Reserve Champion yearling bulls at the sale sold for \$4,500 and \$3,500. Overall the yearlings sold at an average of 64% higher than prices paid lately for commercial bulls. Equally promising prices were paid for bull calves with the top two placings selling for \$1,700 and \$1,650 and the high selling pen of three yearling heifers went for \$1,025 each.

Show and Sale Co-Chair, Ivan Thomson commented, "Clearly, there is increasing optimism in the industry when producers are prepared to pay significant premiums over commercial prices for breeding stock. It sends a strong signal that our industry is here to stay and the producers that are in it for the long haul are prepared to do the sort of herd improvement required to take optimal advantage of improving market conditions."

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## BISON INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH TRANSITION TO ELECTRONIC TAGS

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Bison producers continue to make progress implementing electronic (RFID) tags. During the years ending August 31, 2004 and August 31, 2005 the CBA sold 43,210 and 48,614 dangle tags respectively. Electronic tags were first made available in January 2005 with no dangle tags being available after August 31, 2005. To April 1, 2006 a total of 38,500 RFID tags were sold. An estimated 50,000 will be sold by August 31, 2006.

### **Producer Responsibilities**

All animals must be tagged with RFID tags approved for bison. These are white button tags that are only available from the Canadian Bison Association. Beef tags are yellow and are not to be used for tagging bison. Bison tagged with approved bison dangle tags do not need to be re-tagged.

Producers without tagging facilities can transport bison to approved tagging sites. Call the CBA office or CCIA for tagging sites in your area.

As of June 29, 2005, producers are required to report all tags from dead stock disposed of on the farm to the CCIA database to ensure that all tag numbers are retired.

### **Exporter Responsibilities**

Section 188 (1)(b) of the Health of Animals Regulations states that:

"every person who exports an animal shall ensure that the number of the animal's

approved tag is reported to the administrator (CCIA), along with the number of any tag applied to the animal in place of the approved tag, within 30 days after the exportation."

For those exporting bison to a feedlot or to slaughter in the US, please ensure that tag numbers of the animals exported are reported to the CCIA database.

### **Packing Plant Responsibilities**

In Canada, packing plants or abattoirs must read and report retired tags to the CCIA database. For tagged animals that die on the farm, the producer must report the retirement of the tag to the CCIA database.

### **Age Verification**

With international trading partners requiring age verification to import animals including bison, the CCIA website now allows producers to record the date of birth of their bison. By recording birth dates or the date of the first-born bison calf, there is no need for dentition to age animals when they are being slaughtered for export or being exported for eventual slaughter in the U.S. Information on the CCIA Age Verification database replaces the need for dentition. For producers who do not have Internet access, please call the CBA office for assistance.

### **Future Developments**

Increased awareness of food safety issues among consumers, along with a more educated and informed public is driving the

need for more information about the food consumed and its origin. Recent animal health and food-borne illness scares in many parts of the world are creating the demand for source verification of food products. In Canada, recent developments with BSE and Avian Influenza have served to provide increased urgency and support for the national tracing and tracing systems.

The bison industry recognizes the importance of providing leadership in tracking and tracing to help prevent and control the spread of diseases, maintain consumer confidence in the food system and to facilitate access to markets of major trading partners.

To enhance the Canadian tracing and tracking system requires that producer premises be registered. This combined with animal identification and animal movement tracking will provide the bison industry with a complete trace back system. The CBA, CCIA and federal government representatives are developing a plan that will contribute to a more complete traceability system.

If you have tagging or tracking and tracing questions please contact the Canadian Bison Association at 1-306-522-4766 or the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency at 1-877-909-2333.

By Terry Kremenik

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## BISON DRAWS CROWDS AT NATURAL PRODUCTS EXPO

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For a third year in a row the Canadian Bison Association took its exhibit to the Natural Products Expo West tradeshow in Anaheim California to increase awareness and educate consumers. At the Expo there were more than 3000 exhibits and more than 43,000 industry attendees learning about new products for health-seeking consumers. This year the Canadian Bison Association partnered with the National Bison Association, our sister organization in the U.S. to promote the North American bison industry.

Chefs Josef Wiewer and Kevin Landsiedel presented a fine display of braised bison brisket on a cranberry rosemary scone to

3400 buyers and retailers who were interested in trying the product. As those familiar with bison meat would expect, the bison received rave reviews. In addition to the chefs, Tara Dlugan and Terry Kremenik from the CBA office, Jim Matheson from the NBA office and Roger Provencher of Canadian Prairie Bison gave out over 3,000 bison informational brochures and promotional materials to retailers and interested buyers.

In addition to the CBA display, there were five other displays promoting bison products including bison wieners, bison sausage, bison jerky, bison meatballs, and other bison recipes. Bison was certainly

well represented at the Natural Products Expo. Feedback from all those who had displays at the Expo indicated a high level of interest in bison products.

This project was supported in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the CAFI program and through the National Marketing fee attached to bison tags. These programs continue to support strategies to increase awareness and educate consumers about the benefits of bison. More details on the bison industry participation at the Natural Products Expo will appear in the June issue of Smoke Signals.

By: Tara Dlugan

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## PRODUCER MARKETING FEES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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With every tag purchased, producers contribute four dollars to the Bison Industry Marketing Fund. From this fund, two dollars are available to regional associations to support their marketing projects.

Regional associations have supported projects including a display and samples at the Royal Winter Fair, billboards on Manitoba's main highways, booths providing information and selling bison products at events like the Peace Country Classic, the Calgary Stampede, the Canadian Western Agribition, Spruce Meadows, and the World Masters Triathlon. More details on

these events will appear in the June issue of *Smoke Signals*.

At the National level, the Canadian Bison Association was able to use one dollar to obtain an additional three dollars for a total of \$96,000 through the Canadian Agriculture and Food International Program. These funds were used to develop a website to expose the Canadian Bison Industry to the international markets, translate our Canadian Bison Consumer Magazine into French, attend a the National Products Expo in California to promote bison, print additional consumer promotional material,

and to meet with U.S. officials to improve market access by removing constraints as a consequence of BSE.

In the year ending August 31, 2005, the CBA collected \$194,500 of which \$127,000 was retained after producer requested refunds. Continued support by producers will contribute to the domestic and international marketing strategies of the CBA and regional associations. Producer contributions assist in maximizing the funds that we are able to leverage from government programs.

By: Terry Kremeniuk

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## REGISTRY UPDATE - by Jim Warren

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A bison registered in Canada by the Canadian Bison Association should be eligible for registration in the US by the National Bison Association and vice versa. That's the unanimous opinion of the CBA's registry committee which met on March 10, 2006 at North Battleford Saskatchewan in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Bison association's premium Stock Show and Sale.

Co-operation between the US and Canadian registry was just one of the many issues the committee will be dealing with in the coming months.

Interest in reviving the Canadian bison registry, which was created over a decade ago by the CBA, emerged in 2005 following the attempt by a government conservation agency to have plains bison listed as a threatened species. The bison industry viewed threatened species designation as a serious threat to its ability to trade bison products internationally. Industry associations were heavily engaged in the effort to oppose the designation and in June of 2005 the CBA was informed by Environment Canada that plains bison would not be listed as a threatened species.

Despite the industry's lobbying success, in the wake of their defeat in 2005, conservationists could be expected to make another attempt to win a threatened species designation for plains bison some time in the not-to distant future. To prevent bison from being listed as a threatened species, the bison industry has been working with government officials and conservationists to balance the needs of industry and conservationists.

Government officials from the federal depart-

ments of environment and agriculture and the Canadian Wildlife service met with the CBA board of directors in June of 2005. At that meeting, the bison industry was given strong assurances that if, through the mechanism of the bison registry, the industry could demonstrate that the number of pure plains bison was high enough (in excess of 1,000 adult animals) the threat of threatened species legislation could be permanently shelved.

Clearly the registry would need to be revived if our target figure of over 1,000 plains bison were to be met within a tentative deadline of two years. Back in the days of the industry's breeding stock boom, in 1999, some 102 plains and wood bison were added to the registry. The total of new registrations dropped to 100 in year 2000 – down to 82 in 2001. Over the last four years fewer than 40 bison per year were being registered. A first step in the registry revival process was to take a look at the CBA bylaws that governed the registry to see what could be done to make the process more attractive to producers. CBA members who attended the Annual General meeting in Regina in November of 2005 can attest to the time and effort required to update the 47 odd sections and clauses affecting the registry.

At their North Battleford meeting, Pedigree Committee members Mark Silzer, Nolan Miller, John Pilon, Terry Kremeniuk, and project coordinator Jim Warren discussed the importance of obtaining producer buy-in for the registry. The committee acknowledged that there are reasons for having the registry in addition to the threat of having plains bison listed as a threatened species. As the industry matures and expands, there will be an in-

creasing interest among the producers buying breeding stock to have greater levels of assurance about the genetic background of the animals they are buying. Registered stock come with a verified pedigree and offer the potential to track particular traits that producers are looking for. One area of concern not addressed buy the bylaw changes is the need to allow plains-wood cross animals into the registry at the foundation stage. Another important consideration is the need to have an effective registry up and running in conjunction with similar efforts in the US to ensure that Canadian breeding stock are accepted in the US marketplace.

Another critical factor in making the registry a success is to keep initial costs to producers down during the foundation registration process. This process will likely involve reviews of producer records, possible random inspection audits and the storage of hair samples for genetic verification. The Pedigree Committee is hopeful that funding support can be obtained from the federal government to help minimize the costs to producers. The CBA bylaws have been amended to allow the Pedigree Committee to explore the concept of a conservation herd component for the registry. As the conservation herd system is currently envisioned, there will be a separate category within the registry for producers and conservation agencies which follow "an as close to natural as possible" set of management practices. Clearly this designation won't work for everyone participating in the registry. It will require significant consultation before it goes ahead and the Pedigree Committee is hopeful that funding support can be obtained through federal agencies to assist in the development of the conservation herd concept.

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## NEW WEBSITE GOING LIVE MAY 1ST, 2006

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On May 1st, 2006 log onto to [www.canadianbison.ca](http://www.canadianbison.ca) to view our new website. The website is consumer focused with a section designated for producer/member information.

As a member of the association you will have access to the “members only” web page. Here you will be able to submit a recipe, submit a classified, review current feeder & finished bison prices, access to the membership directory and view electronic e-letters. This is just one of many reasons to be a member of the Canadian Bison Association.

With the new website, we are currently working on the “where to buy” section. As a member of the association, you have the opportunity to be listed in this section. Please fill out all the information below and fax 306-522-4768 or mail the information to the Canadian Bison Association office.

Contact Name:

Ranch or Business Name:

Address:

City:

Prov:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Fax:

E: Mail:

Website:

What meat products do you sell?

Where do you sell bison meat? (a) farm direct (b) retail (c) wholesale (d) restaurant (e) Farmers Market (f) Other

Are your animals (a) grain finished? (b) grass finished?

Do you process meat in: (a) Federal Plant (b) Provincial Plant (c) Health Inspected Facilities (d) Other

For those who market their own product, we would like your assistance in developing a regional price range for specific products. The information provided will be **confidential** and a summary will be posted in the “members only” section on the website. (No names or ranches will be listed.)

What is your price/lb:

- a) rib eye steak -
- b) sirloin steak -
- c) ground -
- d) ¼ patties -
- e) 1/3 patties-
- f) Inside round roast-
- g) Sirloin tip roast-
- h) Sausage

This project was supported in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the CAFI program and by industry through the National Marketing Fee attached to the bison tags.

# [www.canadianbison.ca](http://www.canadianbison.ca)

Do you have an e-mail address and want to receive electronic updates from the CBA office? To receive electronic updates on news and events from the industry, e:mail Tara at [cba1@sasktel.net](mailto:cba1@sasktel.net) or call the CBA office.

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## SASKATCHEWAN BISON ASSOCIATION'S PREMIUM STOCK SHOW & SALE: MARCH 11, 2006

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<u>CLASS</u>	<u>AVERAGES</u>
2004 Yearling Bulls	\$1717.50/hd
2005 Bull Calves	\$783.33/hd
2004 Yearling Heifers (Pen of 3)	\$783.33/hd
2005 Heifer Calves	\$421.11/hd

### *2004 Yearling Bulls:*

- 1st Place—Elk Valley Ranches: Frank McAlliser, Kitscoty, AB  
 2nd Place—Silver Creek Bison: Nolan Miller, Binscarth, MB  
 3rd Place—Hanson Bison Ranch: Troy & Serle Hanson, Valhalla Centre, AB

### *2005 Bull Calves*

- 1st Place—Keatley Ridge Bison : Leonard Katerynych, North Battleford, SK  
 2nd Place—Keatley Ridge Bison: Leonard Katerynych, North Battleford, SK  
 3rd Place—Wildman Bison Ranch: Gary Kozicky, Elk Point, AB

### *2004 Yearling Heifers (Pen of 3)*

- 1st Place—Rock;n Lin Bison: Gary Gibson, Linden, AB  
 2nd Place—Beaver Creek Wood Bison Ranch, Fort McMurray, AB  
 3rd Place—Great Divide Bison: Legault's, Ponteix, SK

### *2005 Heifer Calves (Pen of 3)*

- 1st Place—Lazy A Bison: Andy Eckel, Goodsoil, SK  
 2nd Place—Great Divide Bison: Legault's, Ponteix, SK  
 3rd Place—Beaver Creek Wood Bison, Fort McMurray, AB

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<u>CLASS</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>AVERAGES</u>
2003 Bulls	\$2300	\$775	\$1600
2004 Bulls	\$2300	\$1050	\$1625
2005 Bulls	\$1000	\$350	\$547
2004 Heifers	\$1000	\$425	\$594
2005 Heifers	\$575	\$250	\$400

- Grand Champion Male* - Rising Sun Bison: Lewis & Tarra Rathgeber, Melville, SK  
*Reserve Grand Champion Male* - Rough Bark Bison : Dave & Carol Byrns - Yellow Grass, SK  
*Grand Champion Female*-Foothills Ranch: Miles & Suzanne Snider: Roseisle, MB  
*Reserve Grand Champion Female*- Flying Macs Bison -:Henry Makinson - Roblin, MB

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