

## **Dean Andres Bio**

Dean and his partner Dr. Wendy Davis ND, along with their family and employees operate numerous businesses at Windthorst, SK. Dean holds a diploma in Civil Engineering and a Certificate in Business Marketing and Management from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, AB. During his time at NAIT Dean served as VP and then President of the Civil Engineering Society, VP Academic of the NAIT Students Association, President of the NAIT Students Association and sat on the NAIT Board of Governors for two years. While at NAIT Dean also had the opportunity to play College hockey for the NAIT Ooks as well as sitting on several committees for the NAIT Foundation during his time at NAIT and after he left NAIT. Dean continues his involvement today as an active member of the NAIT Ooks Alumni Association.

Dean purchased his first bison in partnership with his parents just as he graduated from NAIT in 1995. Dean has been actively involved in the bison industry for over 23 years. Dean was a founding committee member of the Friends of the Oilers Campaign in 1996 when the Oilers were saved from leaving Edmonton. Dean worked for Molson Canada Edmonton in Sales and Marketing for four years and he served on the Board of the Bison Producers of Alberta in 2000/2001.

Dean was a founding partner in Carmen Creek Gourmet Meats. Carmen Creek had an enormous impact on how bison was marketed in Canada, the US and Europe. Carmen Creek focused on and invested heavily in marketing and branding thus having a positive impact on carcass prices. Over a ten-year period, Carmen Creek grew from processing 200 head per year to more than 8000 head per year. Carmen Creek was honoured with many awards for growth, branding and in 2007 the three partners won the Entrepreneur of the Year award in Alberta.

Andres Trucking was founded by Dean in 2003 and operates across Canada and the US, with a strong focus on hauling and exporting bison to US packing plants, ranches and feedlots. Andres Trucking also hauls farm and oilfield equipment, heavy equipment, bins, tanks, oil, produced water and many other commodities. Andres Trucking is your one stop shop for exporting livestock to the US. They provide all vet requirements, health certificates, brokerage and customs approvals required for exporting. Andres Trucking has exported as many as 11,000 bison per year to the US with a typical average per year now being 2500-3500 head. Andres Trucking also rents out a line of farm equipment and semi trailers with a focus on bringing in ag equipment that assists livestock producers in increasing the productivity of their land. Harmony Natural Bison runs a 225 head bison mother-cow herd at Windthorst, SK and also backgrounds and finishes bison to slaughter weight.

Harmony Health Foods specializes in marketing bison, Berkshire pigs, goats, and poultry with special attention given to ensuring all the animals are free-range and raised humanly with minimal human intervention. Wendy has also developed a line of medicinal teas that are marketed across Canada. Dean's eldest son Bryson expresses his own entrepreneurial spirit as the driving force behind the poultry and goat production.

Dean is an active Board Member for the Saskatchewan Bison Association and the CBA. Dean is currently the interim Chair of the SBA Bull Draft Committee.

Dean feels that his combination of education, business experience and knowledge of the livestock industry as it transitioned from pre-BSE with no traceability to the system we have in place today, would be an asset to the CCIA Board. Dean can also identify with many of the on the ground challenges that the CCIA will face in implementing full traceability. If selected to represent the CBA he gives you his word that he would be a committed CCIA Board Member and bring his enthusiasm for learning and implementing to the CCIA Board. Thank you for the opportunity to put my name forward and if you have any questions please contact me by email at [dean@andresgroup.ca](mailto:dean@andresgroup.ca) or by phone at 306.736.3454.

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