

**Bison Code of Practice
2017 and its Usage
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Canada's Codes of Practice

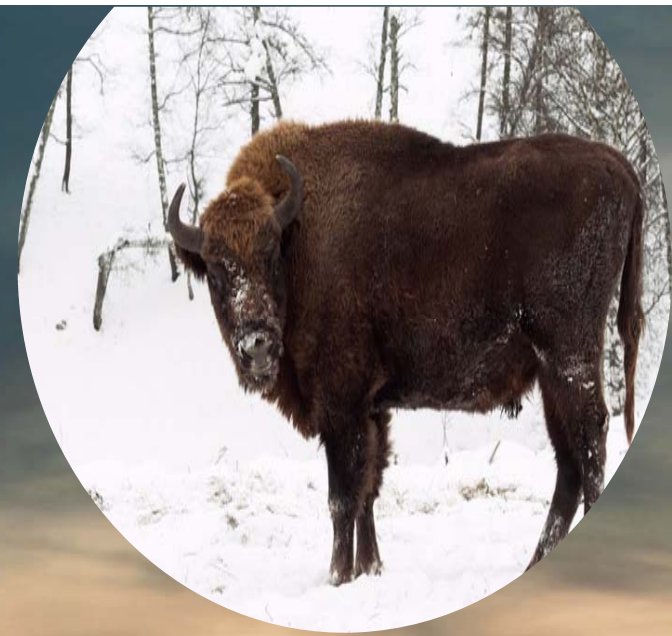
The Codes of Practice - guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals

- Our national understanding of farm animal care requirements and recommended practices
- Scientifically informed, practical, and reflect societal expectations for responsible farm animal care

The Codes of Practice serve as

- Extension tools
- Foundation for animal care assessment programs
- Reference materials for regulations

Bison Code of Practice: Relationship-building



NFACC Codes,

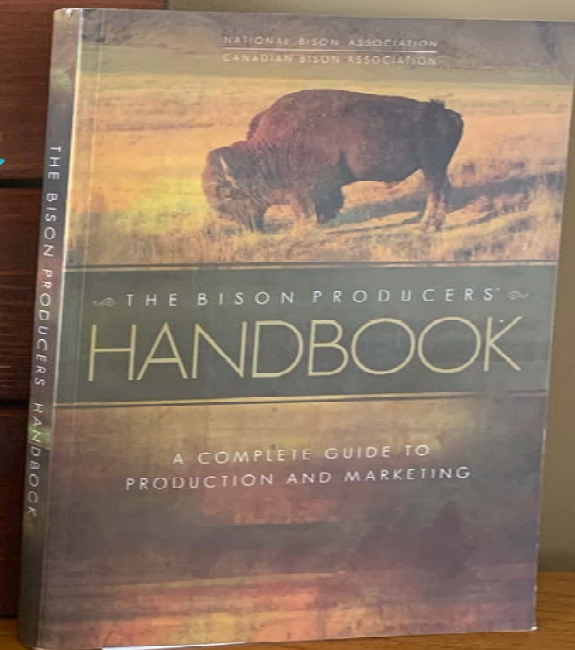
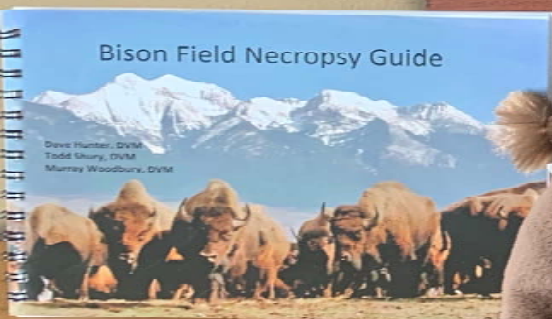
- Closely connect individual CDC members – usually for life
- Indirectly connect Canadian food animal producers across sectors
- Use the other codes as references as well.
- Lots of similarities with the beef code of practise

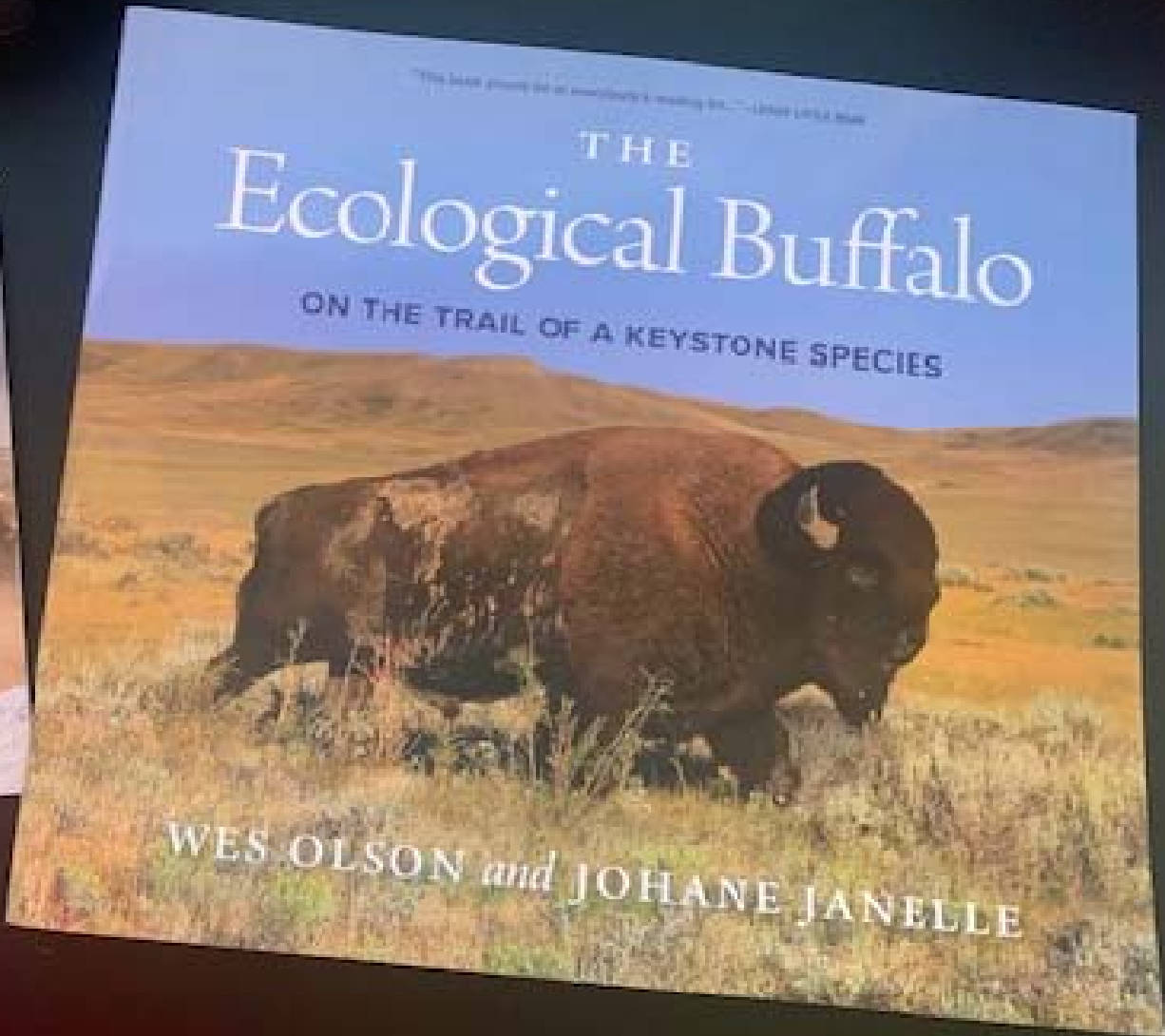
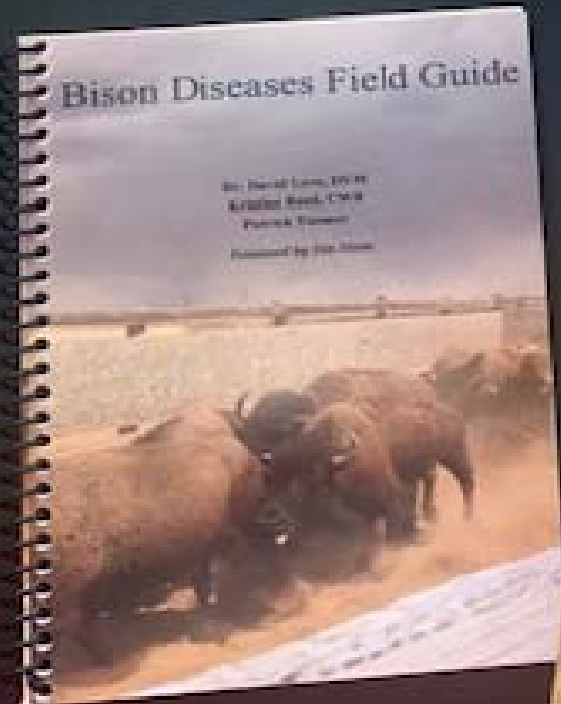
Outline

- About the Current Bison Code
 - Usage for new producers, new CBA members
 - Usage for Wildlife officers, Zoo keepers, Veterinarians Nutritionists
 - SPCA , Police Mobile Butchers
 - Auction Market, Truckers
 - Indigenous groups
- Use to your advantage every time asked how you raise bison.
- Anyone that expresses interest or touches bison in some way should see the code.



References



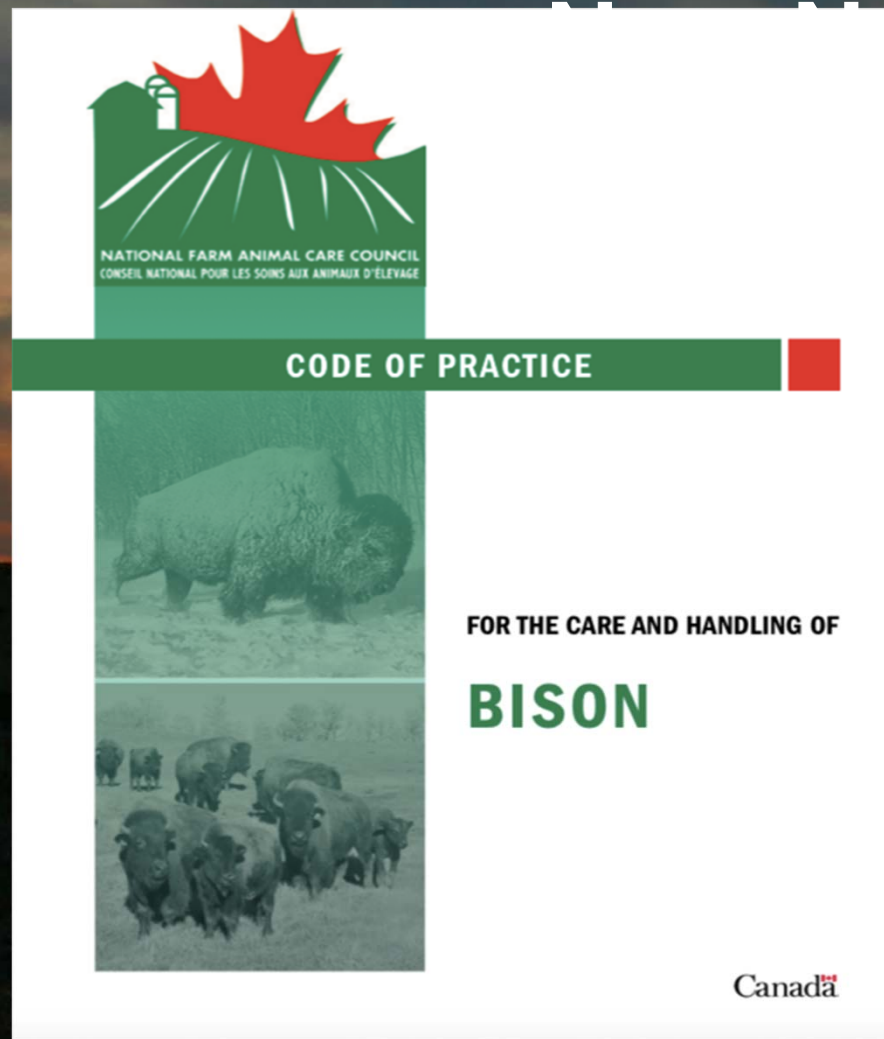


Bison Code 2017



Bison Code of Practice 2017

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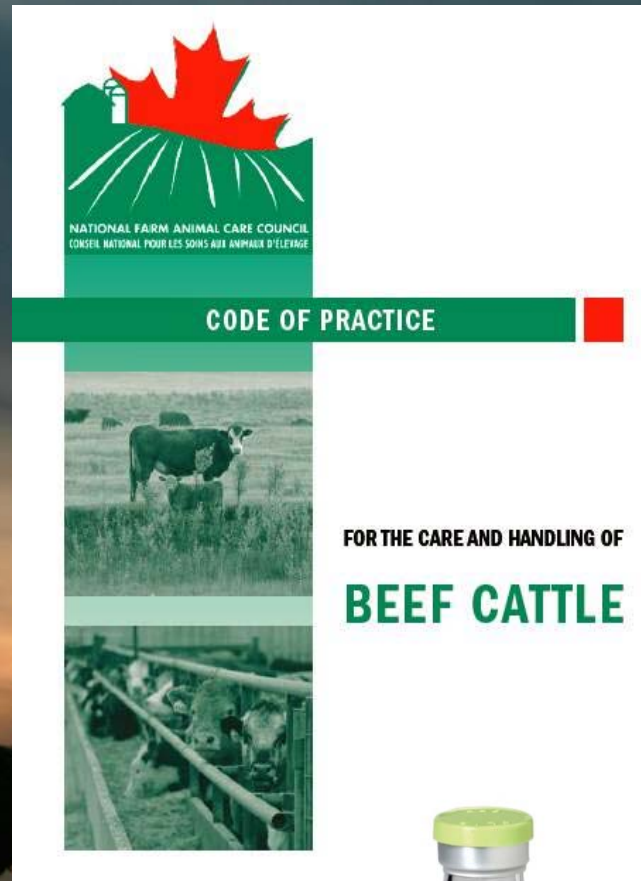
Bison Welfare

- 70 pages, with pictures
- 7 sections like animal health, handling transportation, husbandry, on farm euthanasia. USE of NSAIDs
- 10 appendices inc BCS, orphan bison , flight zones, animal welfare audit.
- Every CBA member mailed one. Put on display

When I am Asked a Bison Health Question?

- Are you a member of the Provincial bison assoc and CBA.
- Do you have a copy or can get a copy of the Bison Code of Practice.
- Would like to have if own bison Mandatory membership in CBA.
- This could include Parks, Conservation areas, Indigenous groups, Zoos, Wildlife Parks, districts that have free roaming herds

Painful Procedures



- Make sure and treat for pain with NSAIDs
- Do as far away from weaning as possible.
- Beef and Other Codes of Practice have guidelines



**Rheumocam =
Metacam**

Portable Systems.



Repeatable Injuries





Pictures of Body Condition Score One in the middle scores a 1



SPCA first contact



Handling Devices Lots of talk of



Prod used
Almost
Never

Prod as last resort

Public Comment

- Prod Usage was commented on from never to all the time
- Not used in sensitive areas
- Not used in calves less than 12 months of age.
- No other intentional harm.
- Go over handling section when training new people on your bison ranches.

Danger Points Read the Handling Section of Code



On Farm Euthanasia

- Ballistics section
- Dr Jason Galbraith
- Detailed chart of guns to be used on various weight classes of bison
- Soon to be adopted by upcoming beef code.



Appendix A-J

- Stocking Rates A
- Preventing Escaped Bison (all of us have dealt with this).
- Body Condition Score (some producers cant see this)
- Flight zone
- Orphaned calves very specific help
- Welfare Audit
- Transport decision tree taken from beef and Modified
- Summary of Requirements by Section. Whats what in the bison industry

Review Summary



Animal welfare research needs [CDC: 2017]

- Parasite impact and management
- Special pathogens of bison (emerging diseases)
- Nutrition
- Bison production and greenhouse gas emissions

- Bison behaviour and handling
- Pain mitigation
- Transport

Thermal impacts on nutritional needs

Research groups Lakeland College Vermillion Alberta Dr Yuris group

- South Dakota State Bison Center of Excellence
- Some research being piggybacked with cattle or a specific disease ie Johne's

A photograph of a bison in a grassy field. The bison is the central focus, shown from the side and slightly from behind. It has a thick, brown, shaggy coat and a small, dark horn. The background consists of rolling hills covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass under a clear sky. Two text overlays are present: 'The End' on the left and a longer message on the right.

The End

**Special
Thank You
To All the
Bison Code
Committee
Members
Maybe see
you in
2027?**