

Prairie Legends Conservation Bison Auction Overview

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Sheraton Airport Hotel ✕ Albuquerque, New Mexico ✕ 6:45 PM MT

Be part of the bison industry's first-ever bison auction specifically created to be bison friendly and to bring truly range-raised, conservation-class bison to a vibrant, profitable market. The sale will feature top-cut breeding stock, larger lots of commercial quality breeding stock, as well as feeder/slaughter-ready production-class animals from many well-known and respected herds.

Prairie Legends Bison, LLC has retained Jud Seaman of Quality Auction Services, LLC to conduct the simulcast video auction. Animals/herds will be videoed prior to sale day and this video will be replayed during the live simulcast auction for bidders present at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Albuquerque, NM and on the Internet for those that choose to bid from home. Dinner will be served for registered bidders and consignors prior to the auction.

To have animals included in the sale, consignors must have production models and animals that meet specified criteria (see below). Prairie Legends Bison, LLC will evaluate each operation by these criteria. The principles of Prairie Legends Bison, LLC are Ken & Laurie Klemm of Goodland, KS and Mimi Hillenbrand of Rapid City, SD.

Three words can be used to describe this sale. Transparency. Range-Raised. Conservation.

To qualify as a consignor, specific stewardship criteria must be met. Consignors that fall short of these criteria, but are making progress, may still be able to participate. These exceptions will be determined on a case-by-case basis by Prairie Legends staff.

- Herds must be managed in methods that increase the health of the land, the bison, and the people (see stewardship criteria).
- Full and transparent data regarding birthplace (purchased or home-raised), herd health, vaccinations, feeding regimens, salt and mineral supplementation, weights, breeding/production records, etc., are required to participate and will be offered to buyers prior to the auction. Consignors can include additional information as desired.
- Consignors must submit a written affidavit confirming adherence to the stewardship criteria as well as the truthfulness of any and all claims made.
- Properties and records must be open and available by appointment for inspection by Prairie Legends Bison agents.
- Consignors will be encouraged to personally represent their animals at sale time.

Contact Ken Klemm, Mimi Hillenbrand or Jud Seaman to book your animals or register as a bidder.

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Auction Specifics

Top Cut Sales will be a select few animals chosen by the consignor from their herd that represent the finest of the class. These will be sold individually. All other animals will be sold in larger lots.

A 6% sales commission and a prorated charge for advertising will be assessed to all consignors. Commission on volume sales over \$250,000/consignor are 5.5%. A \$10/head fee for Top-Cut animals sold, and \$1/head for all other animals sold will be withheld from the consignors proceeds and donated to the National Bison Association Herd Growth Fund (501c3) on behalf of the consignor. Also, Prairie Legends Bison, LLC will donate a percentage of the sales total to the National Bison Association to be used specifically for the advancement of the National Bison Association Conservation Management Program.

Buyers will be required to submit sure payment of 25% of their total due on sale day. Buyer and consignor will organize and coordinate shipment date/times and final payment terms. Each party will notify Prairie Legends Bison when the amount due has been paid and the animals have transferred possession to the buyer. At such time, Prairie Legends Bison will release the remaining funds (the amount paid at sale day minus deductions and sales commission) to the consignor.

Herd Data Questionnaire:

Birth place and approximate birth date of animals to be listed:

Complete feed/nutritional regimen:

Vaccination history:

Deworming history:

Culling & Retention protocol for the breeding herd that the animals came from:

Size of breeding herd:

Size of land base:

How long have you been raising bison? How long at this location?:

Average cow weight:

Average (or usual range) of pregnancy (and/or weaning rate):

What types of pasture fences are the animals trained to?:

What land management style is followed? (Rotational grazing, season long-grazing, etc.):

What method are the animals moved? (call, drive, both, horseback, pickups, 4 whlrs, etc):

Do you have any information about the genetic lineage of your herd to share?:

Is your breeding herd composed of plains, woods, or a mix of both?

Do you have any DNA test results to share?:

Please provide weight data that shows how the animals offered for sale compare to their age/sex classmates:

Please provide any additional information that you feel would be helpful:

Prairie Legends Conservation Auction Stewardship Criteria

Criteria Category	Criteria Description
<p>BISON. To conserve the genetic integrity of all living bison while fostering a framework whereby the species can remain sound, robust and spirited, free from domestication, and continue to preserve the wild, independent nature of bison. Bison must be properly managed so as to protect and preserve neighboring property rights. Bison need to be properly managed to not only protect bison, but to also to build sound, respectful relationships</p>	
<p>Genetic Stewardship</p>	<p>1. Interspecies crossbreeding is strictly prohibited and a plan to remove from production, over time, any known negative interspecies genetic influence is implemented. 2. Bison genetic selection protocol for replacements should favor natural selection criteria and be in harmony with the above stated objective.</p>
<p>Handling/Facilities</p>	<p>Bison must be effectively contained on the operator's property and this containment should include consideration for other local wildlife. Low stress and safe animal handling methods and facilities are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of the bison in accordance with the above stated objective.</p>
<p>Health/Welfare</p>	<p>Bison health/welfare standards, as outlined in generally accepted husbandry publications, such as the <i>Bison Producer's Handbook</i>, are in place.</p>
<p>LAND. To protect and conserve the environment by consistently improving the quality of soil health and watershed function, while increasing the plant and animal diversity in a balanced, healthful manner.</p>	
<p>Soil Health</p>	<p>Techniques are used to increase the quality of soils as a vital living system.</p>
<p>Erosion Control</p>	<p>Methods are used to minimize erosion and benefit the watershed quality.</p>
<p>Plant/Animal Diversity</p>	<p>Methods are used to manage for a wide and increasing variety of plant and animal species.</p>
<p>PEOPLE. To foster the improvement of individuals and communities through creative and innovative advancements pertaining to their health, economic and educational opportunities.</p>	
<p>Community</p>	<p>Positively impact the American diet. For instance, start or participate in a farmers market, help get bison on a local restaurant menu, support your local health fair, etc. Encourage employee health improvement programs such as smoking cessation programs, exercise memberships, workplace safety programs. Support local EMS, fire and rescue services. Serve on a board. Provide meat for your employees. Be creative in ways to serve!</p>
<p>Economic Opportunity</p>	<p>Efforts are made to develop new markets, create employment opportunities, or increase economic activity.</p>
<p>Leadership/Education</p>	<p>Attend or host a workshop, attend an NBA conference, speak, write, or share your conservation work in your local community, state or nation.</p>

These criteria are based on the National Bison Association Conservation Management Plan criteria. National Bison Association Master Stewards will automatically qualify as approved consignors. Others can participate in this auction by submitting an affidavit that attests to their compliance with the above stated criteria.