

REAPING THE REWARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE LAND AND ANIMAL STEWARDSHIP

The Grass is Greener on the Other Side:
Developing Climate-Smart Beef and Bison Commodities

Producer Incentives – Market Development – Research

The USDA Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities

- An \$80 million, five-year grant project intended to create a sustainable consumer market for climate-raised bison.
- Projected to involve more than 60 bison producers and 27,000 head of bison.
- The project scope includes creating a sustainable consumer market for climate-raised bison products.

Producer Benefits

- Technical assistance and financial incentives for approved climate-smart land practices.
- Work with Technical Service Providers and other project partners to measure and quantify the outcomes of the implemented land practices.
- Premiums may be available for climate-smart raised bison calves raised by enrolled producers and sold to feeder partners identified by the NBA.

Apply:

- Step 1: Enroll with USDA's Farm Service Agency (<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/>).
- Step 2: Complete the Climate Smart application.
- Step 3: Sign the Climate Smart Producer Agreement.
- Step 4: Provide a prescribed grazing plan that meets program eligibility requirements outlined by Tanka Fund.

Learn More:

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Spearheaded by South Dakota State University. Primary partners include: Millborn Seeds, AgSpire, Tanka Fund, Cold Creek Buffalo Company, SDSU Extension, the SDSU Center of Excellence for Bison Studies, the National Bison Association, Texas A&M University, Yard Stick, C-Lock and Adopt-Ag.

