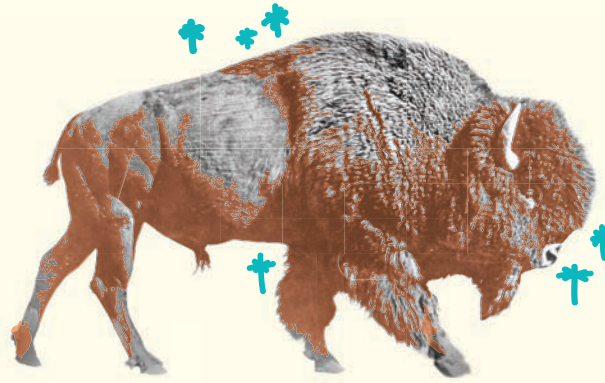


BISON V. BEEFALO



WHY DOES THE NBA SUGGEST BISON?

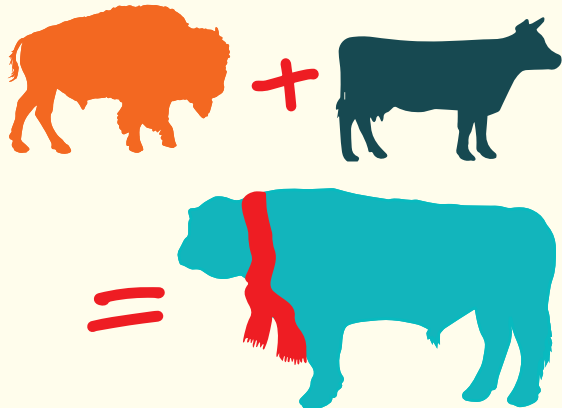
History has proven that crossing bison with cattle often times results in first-generation sterile bulls, cows with high calf losses, and overall general health problems. Further, the NBA maintains that **bison should not be crossed with any other species**, which ensures genetic diversity and species restoration as we continue to rebuild bison herds on its native landscape of North America.



The **Great Blizzard** of 1888 decimated many rancher's cattle herds.

BEEFALO ORIGINS?

Cattle ranchers began to selectively **crossbreed their cattle with remaining free-range plains bison**, which by and large had survived the blizzard, to create a **winter-hardy** cattalo/beefalo breed. However, what these early conservationists discovered was that the first generation bulls were sterile, and the females had calving problems and other health issues proving that bison are best left as nature intended. So, the practice of crossing bison with any other species was largely abandoned.



NUMBER OF BISON IN US?

Number of privately owned bison according to 2017 USDA Census – **183,780**.

NUMBER OF BEEFALO IN US?

Beefalo are counted along with cattle in the USDA Ag Census, which reported **31,722,039**.



WHAT IS A BEEFALO?



Beefalo is a bred mix of Domesticated Cattle and **37.5% American Bison**, according to the American Beefalo Association.

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