

MBA 2009

Great Spirit Show & Sale

The 11th Annual Great Spirit Show & Sale was held April 4 & 5 in Brandon, MB at Heartland Livestock Services.

The dedicated committee of Nolan Miler, Jamie & Christa Lovas, Jamie Moran, Leonard Epp and Trevor Gompf once again organized and excellent event. Seminars were held at the Victoria Inn on the Saturday with the Awards and Fun Auction that Evening. Judges Ivan Thompson and Wade Kot had the difficult job of selecting the winners out a very close quality group of animals. Here is the list of winners

2006 Bull Class

1st Rockwood Bison
2nd Silver Creek Bison Ranch
3rd Rockwood Bison
4th Silver Creek Bison Ranch - People's Choice
5th Silver Creek Bison Ranch

2007 Bull Class

1st Bison Spirit Ranch - GRAND CHAMPION
2nd Silver Creek Bison Ranch
3rd Lovas Bison Ranch
4th Antler River Ranches
5th Bison Spirit Ranch

2008 Bull Class

1st Rioelta Bison Ranch - RESERVE GR. CHAMP
2nd Rough Bark Bison Company
3rd Beaver Creek Wood Bison Ranch
4th Beaver Creek Wood Bison Ranch
5th Beaver Creek Wood Bison Ranch

2007 Heifer Class

1st Bison Spirit Ranch - GRAND CHAMPION
2nd Silver Creek Bison Ranch - RESERVE GR. CHAMP
3rd Antler River Ranches
4th Beaver Creek Wood Bison Ranch
5th Niso Creek Bison (Ken) - People's Choice

2008 Heifer Class

1st Rioelta Bison Ranch
2nd Rioelta Bison Ranch
3rd Rough Bark Bison Company
4th Rioelta Bison Ranch
5th Rough Bark Bison Company

On Saturday night the Bill Lenton Memorial Award was also presented. This award is given in the memory of Bill Lenton who was the first bison producer in Manitoba and one of the Canadian pioneers of the industry. It is given to an individual or individuals who exemplify unselfish commitment to the betterment and growth of the bison industry-This year's recipients were Garnet and Nora Gompf of Bison Spirit Ranch, Oak Lake, MB

On Sunday the sale of the show bison and approximately 150 commercial bison took place. Here is a summary of the sale.

Show Animals

2006 Bulls Average - 2279.17
High - 2600 Low - 1900

2007 Bulls Average - 1880
High - 3400 Low - 1550

2008 Bulls Average - 891.07
High - 1050 Low - 775

2007 Open Heifers - Average - 1485
High - 2650 Low - 1000

2008 Heifers - Average - 798
High - 1250 Low - 650

Commercial Animals

2008 Bulls

Average 500 lbs \$1.38-\$1.42

2008 Heifer

Average 430 lbs \$1.30-\$1.35

2007 Bulls & Heifers were too few to give an accurate report on.

Cull cows and bulls 50 cents per lb

Thank you again to everyone that attended the sponsors, the buyers, the consignors and all others!

Christa Lovas
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