



**100% Grass-Fed & Finished, 100% Soy Free,
100% Corn Free, Non-GMO, Free Range,
Hormone and Antibiotic Free, Minimally Processed Affidavit**

The following diet restrictions are intended for animals of the following species:

- Bison
 - Beef
 - Lamb
1. 100% Grass Fed
- a. Calves must remain on their mother's milk for a minimum of 6 months (strongly prefer calves to stay on cows for 9 – 10 months.)
 - b. Pasture forages, no synthetic chemical pesticides/herbicides applied during grazing
 - i. Grasses (perennial/annual ryegrasses, orchardgrass, fescues, native warm-seasons, etc.)
 - ii. Legumes/forbs (Non-GMO alfalfa, clovers, chicory, trefoil, dandelion,)
 - c. Grazed summer and winter annuals (sorghum, rye, oats, barley, triticale, brassicas, etc.)
 - i. seeds must not be developed when grazed
 - ii. Only non-GMO annuals can be grazed
 - iii. Annuals must be grown without chemical pesticides/herbicides
 - d. Non-GMO Molasses (Cane Sugar only - no Beet Molasses)
 - e. Apple Cider Vinegar (either dry or wet)
 - f. Any combination of the above list can be fed as stored forage (hay, balage, silage, etc.)
 - g. Prohibited from the diet are:
 - i. Grains
 - ii. Any variation of corn or corn silage
 - iii. Foodstuffs containing soy
 - iv. Animal and fish by-products
 - v. Genetically modified foodstuffs

Grass (Forage) Fed Definition—Grass and forage shall be the feed source consumed for the lifetime of the ruminant animal, with the exception of milk consumed prior to weaning. The diet shall be derived solely from forage consisting of grass (annual and perennial), forbs (*e.g.*, legumes, Brassica), browse, or cereal grain crops in the vegetative (pre-grain) state. Animals cannot be fed grain or grain byproducts and must have continuous access to pasture during the growing season. Hay, haylage, baleage, silage, crop residue without grain, and other roughage sources may also be included as acceptable feed sources. Routine mineral and vitamin supplementation may also be included in the feeding regimen.

2. Veterinary Treatments

- a. All veterinary treatments, including antibiotics, vaccines, and/or worming treatments must be recorded in a record keeping system, including ear tag numbers. This system must be available for inspection by NSB or its agents.
- b. Although currently allowed, NSB strongly discourages the use of synthetic chemical wormers and fly control, and encourages the use of holistic methods of parasite and fly control.

3. Accidental or Incidental Supplementation

- a. If any animal that has been, or may have been, exposed to non-forage feedstuffs (inadvertently, or for the well-being of the animal during harsh conditions) the producer must fully document (*e.g.*, receipts, ingredients, and tear tags) the supplementation that occurs including the amount, the frequency, and the supplements provided. This documentation must be relayed to Northstar Bison immediately.
- b. Incidental supplementation may be caused from several situations that include, but are not limited to:
 - i. supplementing non-forage feedstuffs (grains, corn, etc.)
 - ii. grazing on genetically modified grasses and other plants
 - iii. accidental overspray of pesticides or herbicides onto grazing pasture
 - iv. antibiotic treatments or hormones intended for animals that do not meet the standards of this document
 - v. animal escape from grazing land onto unknown, undocumented, and/or neighboring land, etc.

4. Minimally Processed

- a. Use of antibiotics or ionophores, whether subtherapeutic (low levels mixed in feed on a continual basis), or therapeutic (high levels injected for short duration) are prohibited
- b. Use of any growth hormones or implants are prohibited.

5. Free-range

- a. Permanent feeding in confinement lots is prohibited. In winter or very wet weather, bison can be fed in confinement, but must have access to pasture.

6. Regionally Sourced

- a. Quality trumps geography- we would rather source great bison a longer distance than inferior bison nearby. We source bison from the United States and Canada.

7. NSB Purchase

- a. Animals condemned by inspectors will be denatured and properly disposed of and NSB will not be compelled to purchase said animal.
- b. NSB will not be compelled to purchase animals of which do not meet the standards of this document.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this date I am entering into an agreement for the sale of livestock on credit to Northstar Bison, LLC and/or NSB Ranches, LLC, and I understand that in doing so I will have no rights under the trust provisions of section 206 of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 as amended (U.S.C. 196, Pub L.94-410), with respect to any such credit sale. The written agreement for such selling on credit provides that it will remain in effect until canceled in writing by either party.

[Signature page follows.]

I, (we) the undersigned, have read and understand this protocol. Whether I (we) am (are) signing this document on my own behalf or on behalf of an entity I (we) own or control, I (we) personally guarantee that all the bison I (we) supply to Northstar Bison will be raised in accordance with the above terms and conditions. This guarantee will continue in force until all obligations owed to NSB have been fulfilled.

I (we) further understand and agree that any failure to comply with the provisions of this Protocol shall provide NSB the option to declare any existing purchase agreements or orders null and void, and NSB shall have no further obligation to me (us) thereunder.

Farm Name	Individual Name	Signature
Date	Phone (Home/Mobile)	
Address	City	State ZIP