

First Bison Calves of 2017

The two bison calves in the photo were born some days ago. I could have posted the news sooner but I was hoping to get a better picture.

The cow on the left is a three-year-old. This is her first calf. She was born on this farm. She has always been calm and more or less approachable. Obviously, her natural instincts and the hormones that come with giving birth have kicked in. She has become extremely protective and secretive with her calf. Every time I approach the pastures she calls her calf with a low grunt and disappears into 30 acres of woodland. The older cow on the right, who would normally hang around for photos, rushes off with her and their calves.

The cows will calm down in a few days or weeks.

Bison calves can walk and run a few minutes after birth. They are amazingly obedient to their mother's commands. Bison, like many animals have a much larger range of vocal communication than we appreciate.

The color of the calves will change from tawny to dark by late summer.

Both calves and both moms are doing perfectly well. Best regards. Tom

