

### **Snake River Farm Bison**

The bison operation is best described as a grass growing and grass finishing business.

The herd ranging from near 20 in the winter to 40 in mid-summer.

About 18 bison are sold direct to consumers each year.

Primarily by the quarter.

Only a few of those animals are born on the farm.

Most are purchased as yearlings and two year old heifers.

The herd includes four cows and a bull.

We keep a few cows for several reasons.

We enjoy having a few calves each year.

Our customers enjoy seeing calves, cows, and a bison bull.

The mature animals help to calm new arrivals.

The mature cows are content and know our routines, especially pasture rotation.

We pasture harvest the animals and have no handling facility.

The experienced cows anchor the herd when I harvest.

The mature animals are a management tool for the entire herd.