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The SWO received its first 48 animals in 1992. Starting in 2006 DNA testing was done on the herd for genetics. By 2009 all animals with bovine genetics were removed/culled, the SWO were then and still are one of the 7 herds in the United States with 100% pure buffalo genetic that are documented. The Buffalo Farms have become an integral part of activities on the Reservation and the focal point of many cultural, spiritual and educational programs as well as healthy lifestyles.

**Mission statement:** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal bison Program will wisely conserve, manage and protect the Tribal Bison herd for their sustained use for the benefit, welfare and enjoyment of the Members of the Tribe.

“Buffalo took care of us for centuries and now it is time for us to take of them. They will then be able to take care of us again”

*~ Tribal Elder*

“The Buffalo to our ancestors years ago is what Walmart is to us today”

*~ Alvah Quinn, Sr.*

