



The Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch was awarded the SD Section of SRM’s Area IV Excellence in Range Management Award in 2019. They were chosen to represent SD at the International Society for Range Management Meeting in held in Denver, CO in mid-February 2020. The Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch was nominated for this award by Jaime Furhman, SD NRCS Resource Unit Conservationist from Buffalo, SD.

The Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch is operated by Sandy, Jacki, and Brody Limpert and is located in Harding County. The ranch runs approximately 1,200 bison in a rotation of over 30 pastures that range in size from 600 to 800 acres per paddock. Each pasture has at least five tire tanks and one dam to water the bison. The bison are rotated about every 7 to 9 days. Each pasture is grazed only once during the growing season, and sometimes during the dormant season as well. They always change up their season of use.

The ranch owners have spent 10 – 15 years updating infrastructure on the ranch to get to where they are today. They have installed over 30 miles of pipeline and 180 tanks to help facilitate their grazing management.

Their intensive rotation of their pastures has increased the productivity of the land by allowing plants rest at differing times during the year. They have seen an increase of warm season species, and also an increase of wildlife species present.

They are always willing to share their knowledge with others. They’ve hosted tours on their place, as well as were featured in one of the Grassland Coalition’s Amazing Grassland videos. Sandy is also a Voice for Soil Health.



The Limpert family, Brody, Sandy, and Jacki manage Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch. Here they pose in the South Dakota Amazing Grassland video shoot. Watch their story online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHLYoIdWKN>