

Natural Bison – Absolutely No Antibiotics

What does it mean when a label says “no added antibiotics”? Typically it means that the standard antibiotics given to control parasites in poultry, beef, lamb and even bison are still administered to these animals on a regular basis. The animal is not given additional antibiotic feed.

At Rocky Plains Quality Meats our bison meat is 100% antibiotic free. Our animals are kept healthy with a completely natural product that you may be using today in your health products.

A few years ago we discovered a natural product for fly control and so much more. Diatomaceous Earth (die-a-toe-may-shus) is all natural made from ground diatoms. Diatoms are the skeletons of once-living yellow green algae. This algae has rigid cell walls composed of silica (which is used to make glass). These cell walls act as glass houses. The houses have two almost equal halves, which is how diatoms got their name. In Greek, diatom means “cut in half”.

Live diatoms are the slimy coatings on stones or pilings living in colonies in fresh or salt water. When the diatoms die, they accumulate into diatomaceous earth. The diatomaceous earth we use is fresh-water and has received a “food grade” designation by the FDA. This product can be found in toothpaste, scouring powders, ceramics and even filters. Micro Breweries use DE to filter the water that goes into their special beers. Organic certifiers recognize diatomaceous earth as a healthy, acceptable option for controlling insects and parasites.

What does it look like and how does it work? DE looks like baby powder or flour. However, under a microscope it looks like ground glass with lots of sharp edges. So fine, it is completely harmless to humans or animals, but it destroys flies and parasites by cutting them, thus interrupting their life cycle and eradicating the pests.

We put DE down on the ground in the wallow for the bison to roll in. This helps eliminate the fly issue. We also use it mixed, free choice, in their mineral. This destroys any internal parasites—but we don’t stop there. I use it for my miniature horses. By rubbing it into their coats and sprinkling it on the ground at their favorite elimination site, it controls flies, horse flies and even mosquitoes. I also use it on the dog and we know of humans who take it for arthritis and gout. DE can also be used in gardens with no issues at harvest time. After using DE for a couple of years now, I have virtually no fly problem in my barn.

Our bison products are 100% antibiotic free—a better choice for your family. See our ad under Rocky Plains Quality Meats.