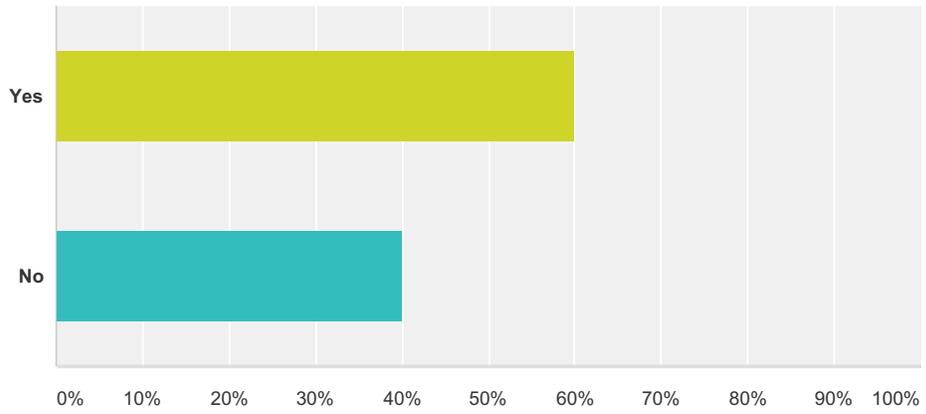


Q1 This was my first introduction to bison production.

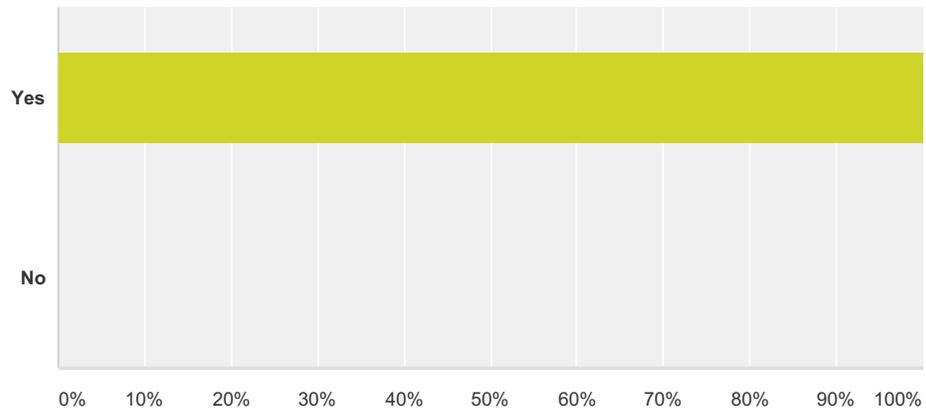
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Q2 I found the workshop to be informative and a good overview of today's bison business.

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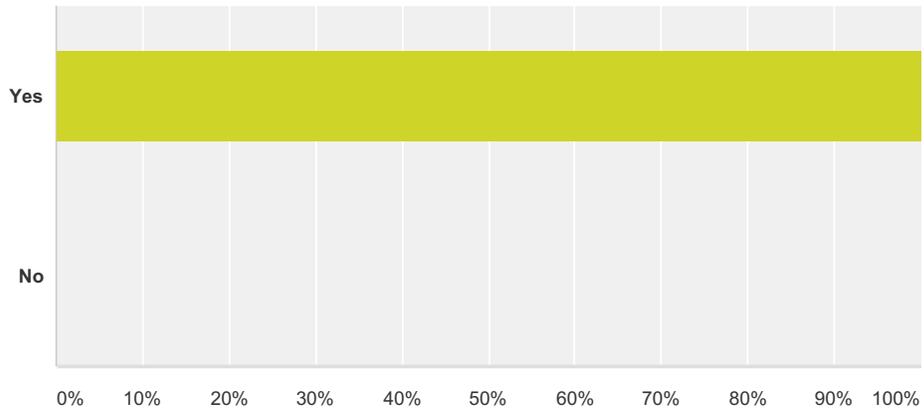


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Yes	100.00% 5
No	0.00% 0
Total	5

#	Comments	Date
1	Very good all around information!	7/6/2016 8:25 PM
2	However, seemed to lack some depth of details. But it was an overview. Not sure if the true target audience (Extension and other educational professionals) was reached; or maybe conservation/wildlife preserve personnel was more the target...?	7/6/2016 1:39 PM

Q3 The presenters provided a holistic approach to bison production.

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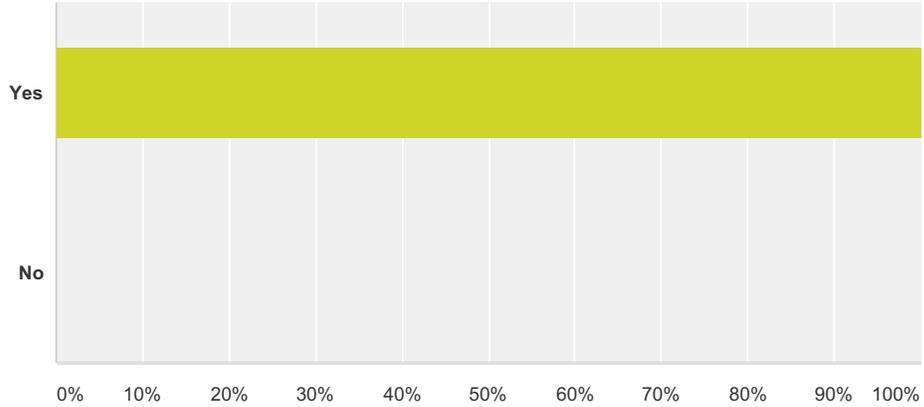


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Yes	100.00% 5
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	There are no responses.	

Q4 The presentation included experienced bison farmers and ranchers to share their expertise.

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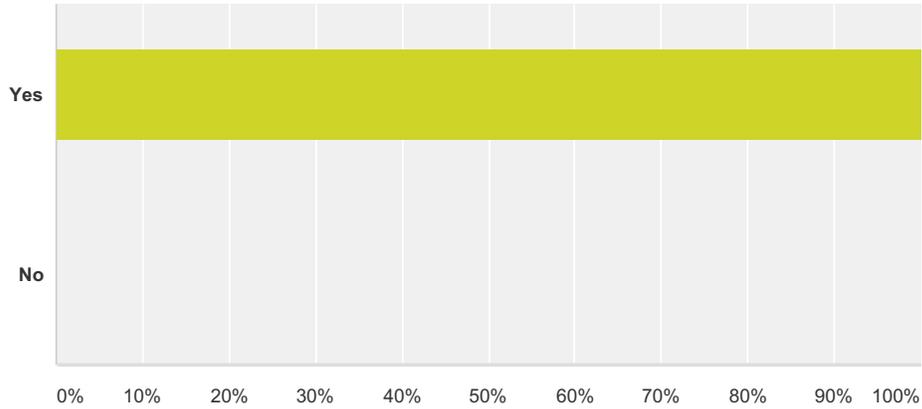


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 5
No	0.00% 0
Total	5

#	Comment	Date
1	I suppose Mr. Carter was the experienced farmer at the Becker meeting. However, would have been good to hear more on actual management. Seemed that presenters relied on the audience farmer/ranchers for additional input, which is always good and adds to discussion; however, could have planned a bit more to have the presenter(s) be another rancher.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM

Q5 The "Bison Toolkit" I received at the workshop allows me to further my bison education and to teach others about this sector of agriculture.

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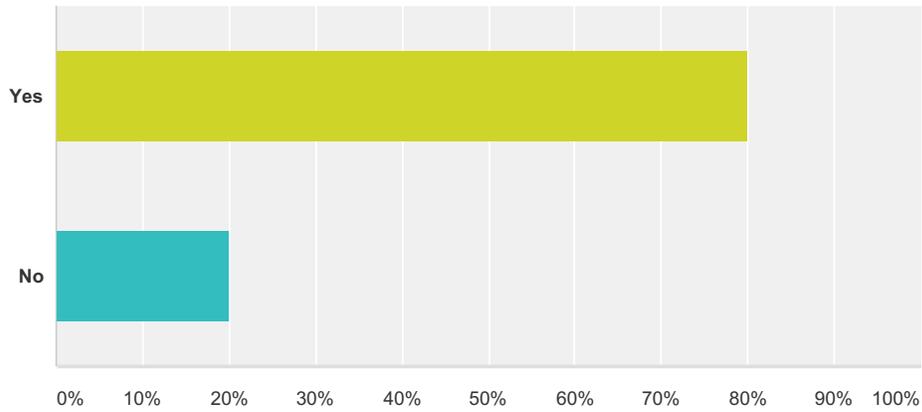


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Yes	100.00% 5
No	0.00% 0
Total	5

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1	However, it still seems to share only basics/overview information. There are many other resources, both in Canada and US, that could have easily been incorporated into these "Toolkits". What about budget sheets, feed/forage quality and purchasing/growing, or business models? It is hard to become or seen as an "educated resource" on bison without actually being a producer myself. However, it is valuable to continue establishing the networking relationships with established producers and bison organizations so I can point people in the right direction.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM

Q6 The workshop included a tour of a working bison operation.

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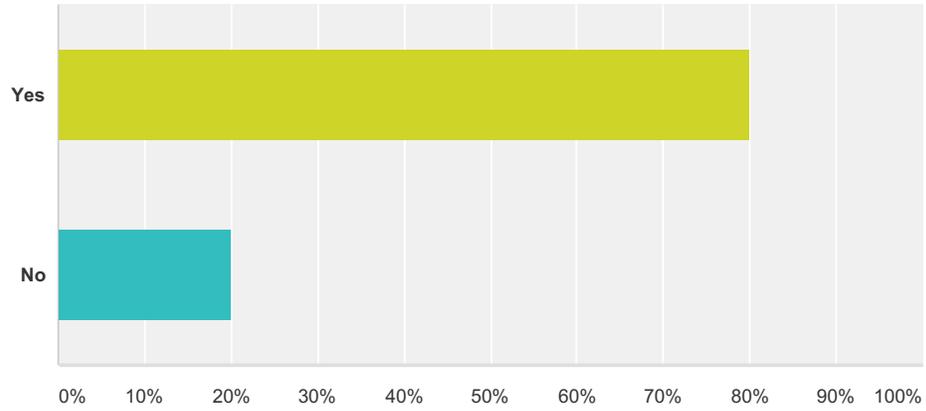


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	80.00% 4
No	20.00% 1
Total	5

#	Comment	Date
1	Missed the tour but what a great addition to the classroom info. Seeing a real operation.	7/6/2016 8:25 PM
2	I was really hoping to see the bison actually being worked through a chute type system.	7/6/2016 3:11 PM
3	However, the focus/business model seemed to be more of agri-tourism with some direct sales to local community. Not always the first or most practical model to consider for first-time bison owners (my opinion). The producer is hands-off and doesn't seem to perform any preventative vaccinations or medical treatments, and has zero handling facilities...this leaves euthanasia as the only option when an animal gets sick (which I know is not very often), but isn't always the recommended best practices for producers. Having on-pasture slaughter option is great, however, need to address the many folks that do not have this as an option...how to establish good packer relations challenges of loading/unloading bison because they freeze up and refuse to move off trailers sometimes.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM

Q7 I left the workshop with the knowledge to teach others about the basics of bison farming and ranching.

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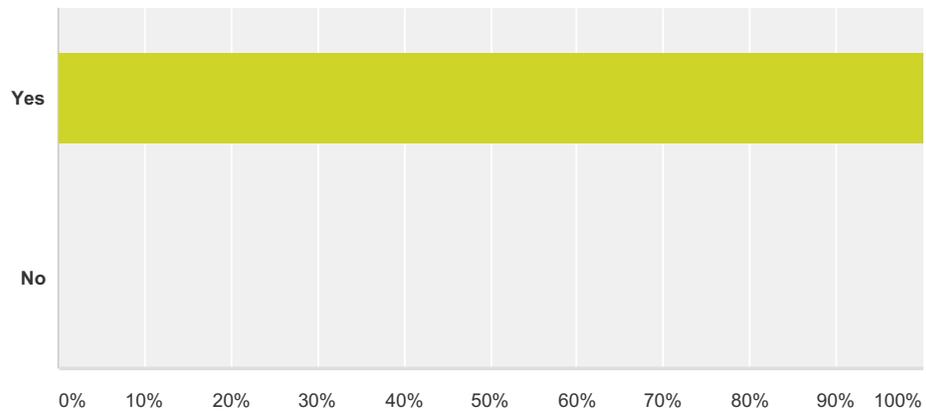


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	80.00% 4
No	20.00% 1
Total	5

#	Comment	Date
1	I didn't really learn anything new from what I already learned along the way and from researching the topics I needed to help answer producer questions.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM

Q8 I would recommend this workshop to my colleagues and/or neighbors.

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 5
No	0.00% 0
Total	5

#	Comment	Date
1	Only those that have no background and have not researched bison ranching. If they have a beginner's understanding already, I don't think it would benefit them. A farm/ranch tour is always good though.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM

Q9 How would you improve the workshop?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 1

#	Responses	Date
1	Could discuss real life stories that were either a success or a failure. People listen and pay attention to real stories. There was some of that already but maybe could even do more.	7/6/2016 8:25 PM
2	I thought it was great! I wouldn't change a thing! The variety of people with their variety of expertise made the workshop extremely interesting and all the more valuable.	7/6/2016 3:11 PM
3	Have the host producer share about their management and business model during the workshop, not just the tour (which seemed more geared toward general public audience). It would have been interesting to see how the Becker host farm does their budget: is the whole farm as a unit or each species has its own breakeven budget. Is their business model a complete, full-time self-employment operation or does someone have to work outside home for income/benefits, etc.? Just things to consider if you want bison to at least breakeven as a hobby, or earn a profit.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM
4	More question and answer session about day to day operations, butchering operations, as well as health issues and how Bison can coexist with other farm animals like sheep	7/6/2016 12:59 PM

Q10 How would you improve the outreach materials (the "Bison Toolkit")?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 2

#	Responses	Date
1	Nothing. Very well done!	7/6/2016 8:25 PM
2	I likely need time to just go through the Producers Handbook to get all the updated information. Factsheets on more in-depth management practices (health & preventative care calendar,) Short publications or case studies of farms/ranches that have updated handling facilities (before & after pics with description & budget / \$ investment). There are some case studies in Producers Handbook which are great! Electronic, fillable documents for business plan, budget, record template, etc. are also handy for beginning producers to know what is "typical and expected" for recordkeeping.	7/6/2016 1:39 PM
3	Just perfect	7/6/2016 12:59 PM