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### What Does a Bison Look Like?

The bison is a large, strong animal that lives mainly in North America. It has a massive body covered in thick, shaggy fur that is usually brown. The fur can be darker around the head and lighter on the body.

Bison have a large hump on their shoulders made of muscle, which helps them move their heads and plow through snow in winter.

Bison are among the largest land animals in North America. Males, called bulls, can weigh up to 2,000 pounds and grow up to 6 feet tall at the shoulder. Females, called cows, are smaller but still impressive, weighing around 1,000 pounds. A fully grown bison can be as long as 12 feet from head to tail.

One of the bison's most unique features is its curved horns. Both males and females have horns, which they use for protection and to establish dominance in the herd. The horns can grow up to two feet long and curve slightly upward.

Bison also have a thick beard under their chins and a long, bushy mane around their heads. Their eyes are dark and expressive, and they have short, strong legs with cloven hooves, perfect for running and grazing on grasslands.