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### The Birthing of a Baby Buffalo

Sad story. Dean and the neighbor worked for several hours trying to help the mama buffalo deliver her baby successfully. However, the baby was still born. The men finally succeeded in getting the dead baby buffalo out of the mama, but I suspect some of the details are far more realistic than you really need to know. I am aware that when people read Linda Hasselstrom, they are prepared for paragraphs and pages of some of the messy realities of ranch life, and I am happy that she records this rapidly vanishing way-of-life, but for now, I am not prepared to write all of the details. I will only say that the men and mama buffalo are exhausted and covered with dreadful stuff. We are all hoping that the mama buffalo will recover. She is small. The calf was large.