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## MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of December

| Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected) |       | :Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for December: |      |
|--|-------|--|------|
| W/E  | Bison |  | Head |
| 12/03/11   | 1095  | :Slaughter Male                                      | 569  |
| 12/10/11   | 946   | :Slaughter Female                                    | 316  |
| 12/17/11   | 762   | :Feeder Male   | 250  |
| 12/24/11   | 791   | :Feeder Female                                       | 109  |
|  |       | :Total   | 1244 |
| Total  | 3,594 | :Source: USDA, APHIS                                 |      |

Bison Carcasses: Compared to November's report: Carcass prices for bison were fairly uniform compared to the previous month. However prices for female bison trended lower for the month while male bison prices inched higher regardless of age.

| CLASS            | Hd    | Price Range |        | Wghtd Avg |
|------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Young Bulls **   | 1,213 | 390.00-     | 415.00 | 398.44    |
| Young Heifers ** | 1,259 | 377.00-     | 410.00 | 383.57    |
| Aged Bulls **    | 59    | 280.00-     | 325.00 | 298.64    |
| Aged Cows **     | 490   | 270.00-     | 325.00 | 290.96    |
| Total            | 3,021 |             |        |           |

Bison Meat: Compared to November's report: Prices for bison meat were fairly constant regardless of cut. While the prices of some fresh and frozen cuts slid lower, there wasn't any rational behind the price movement.

| BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - | (\$/Cwt) |             |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
|                                      | Lbs      | Price Range |          | Wghtd Avg |
| Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh                 | 35,166   | 1,250.00-   | 1,650.00 | 1400.07   |
| Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen                | 4,143    | 1,250.00-   | 1,621.00 | 1372.93   |
| Chuckroll/Clod Fresh                 | 73,119   | 500.00-     | 654.00   | 570.77    |
| Chuckroll/Clod Frozen                | 16,893   | 575.00-     | 750.00   | 617.25    |
| Top Round Fresh                      | 269      | 665.00-     | 695.00   | 667.12    |
| Top Round Frozen                     | 6,294    | 620.00-     | 689.00   | 667.52    |
| Peeled Knuckle Fresh                 | 4,942    | 584.00-     | 749.00   | 596.62    |
| Peeled Knuckle Frozen                | 4,912    | 649.00-     | 695.00   | 660.43    |
| Flats, Outside Round Fresh           |          |             |          |           |
| Flats, Outside Round Frozen          | 4,017    | 620.00-     | 772.00   | 707.00    |
| Eye of Round Fresh                   |          |             |          |           |
| Eye of Round Frozen                  | 464      | 625.00-     | 691.00   | 647.33    |
| Strip Loin Fresh                     | 26,263   | 1,050.00-   | 1,650.00 | 1,339.69  |
| Strip Loin Frozen                    | 1,606    | 1,000.00-   | 1,479.00 | 1,279.26  |
| Top Sirloin Fresh                    | 8,849    | 600.00-     | 890.00   | 793.85    |
| Top Sirloin Frozen                   | 1,469    | 630.00-     | 1,052.00 | 727.40    |
| Tenderloin Fresh                     | 15,289   | 1,850.00-   | 2,495.00 | 2,058.93  |
| Tenderloin Frozen                    | 4,231    | 1,900.00-   | 2,175.00 | 2,023.80  |

| BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - | (\$/CWT) |             |        |           |
|---|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
|   | Lbs      | Price Range |        | Wghtd Avg |
| Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh                 | 19,671   | 500.00-     | 600.00 | 518.36    |
| Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen                | 275,386  | 544.00-     | 660.00 | 602.20    |
| Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh                 |          |             |        |           |

|   | Lbs     | Price Range    | Wghtd Avg |
|---|---------|----------------|-----------|
| Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen                      | 28,655  | 475.00- 520.00 | 475.94    |
| -----   |         |                |           |
| GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT) |         |                |           |
|   | Lbs     | Price Range    | Wghtd Avg |
| Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh                            | 109,398 | 525.00 640.00  | 582.33    |
| Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen                           | 37,945  | 657.00- 700.00 | 575.53    |
| Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh                            |         |                |           |
| Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen                           | 37,559  | 550.00- 627.00 | 634.62    |
| Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh                         |         |                |           |
| Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen                        | 2,241   | 735.00- 735.00 | 735.00    |
| Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh                         |         | -              |           |
| Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen                        | 52,263  | 555.00- 639.00 | 599.07    |

|  | Lbs | Price Range | Wghtd Avg |
|--|-----|-------------|-----------|
| -----  |     |             |           |
| BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Case Ready (\$/Cwt) |     |             |           |
|  | Lbs | Price Range | Wghtd Avg |
| Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh                         |     |             |           |
| Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen                        |     |             |           |
| Chuckroll/Clod Fresh                         |     |             |           |
| Chuckroll/Clod Frozen                        |     |             |           |
| Top Round Fresh                              |     |             |           |
| Top Round Frozen                             |     |             |           |
| Peeled Knuckle Fresh                         |     |             |           |
| Peeled Knuckle Frozen                        |     |             |           |
| Flats, Outside Round Fresh                   |     |             |           |
| Flats, Outside Round Frozen                  |     |             |           |
| Eye of Round Fresh                           |     |             |           |
| Eye of Round Frozen                          |     |             |           |
| Strip Loin Fresh                             |     |             |           |
| Strip Loin Frozen                            |     |             |           |
| Top Sirloin Fresh                            |     |             |           |
| Top Sirloin Frozen                           |     |             |           |
| Tenderloin Fresh                             |     |             |           |
| Tenderloin Frozen                            |     |             |           |

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|--|---------|----------------|-----------|
| -----  |         |                |           |
| GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Case Ready (\$/Cwt) |         |                |           |
|  | Lbs     | Price Range    | Wghtd Avg |
| Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh                           | 331,296 | 555.00- 615.00 | 598.00    |
| Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen                          |         |                |           |
| Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh                           |         |                |           |
| Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen                          | 2,520   | 500.00- 600.00 | 574.00    |
| Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen                       | 2,568   | 600.00- 750.00 | 663.00    |
| Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen                       | 730     | 565.00- 610.00 | 580.00    |

\*\*Animals under the age of 30 months are classified young, while animals older than 30 months are considered part of the aged classification.

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Canadian Fresh Chilled Bison Meat Imports into U.S.

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|                              | Oct 2011 | Oct 2010 | 2011 YTD | 2010 YTD |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs) | 47,840   | 26,721   | 592,823  | 990,537  |
| Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)  | 661      |          | 882      | 2,425    |

Data Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

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