

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)
For the Month of May

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		:Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for May.	
W/E	Bison		Head
5/07/11	849	:Slaughter Male	324
5/14/11	1053	:Slaughter Female	183
5/21/11	808	:Feeder Male	237
5/28/11	773	:Feeder Female	34
		:Total	778
Total	3,483	:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to April's report: Prices for bison carcasses indicate that both the top and bottom side of the price range may be firming up. Weighted averages for all ages of bison crept higher, except for aged bison bulls where the price was marginally lower.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	1,740	360.00-	400.00	369.99
Young Heifers**	949	350.00-	395.00	360.97
Aged Bulls **	31	265.00-	300.00	275.16
Aged Cows **	42	255.00-	300.00	265.24
Total	2,762			

Bison Meat: Compared to April's report: Prices for middle meats moved higher while end meat prices moved lower in a seasonally price shift. Prices for trimmings, grinds and patties indicated that resistance may be surfacing to the higher bison meat prices.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	38,735	1088.00-	1,650.00	1343.58
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	4,405	1080.00-	1,595.00	1268.20
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	90,886	500.00-	625.00	533.47
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	25,473	550.00-	725.00	589.57
Top Round Fresh	533	590.00-	695.00	662.56
Top Round Frozen	3,830	580.00-	745.00	658.81
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	4,537	450.00-	695.00	622.50
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	4,209	580.00-	625.00	610.00
Flats, Outside Round Fresh				
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,652	595.00-	595.00	595.00
Eye of Round Fresh				
Eye of Round Frozen	2,108	620.00-	750.00	634.17
Strip Loin Fresh	29,135	900.00-	1,600.00	1,292.36
Strip Loin Frozen	3,332	900.00-	1,428.00	1,078.74
Top Sirloin Fresh	13,651	600.00-	920.00	753.86
Top Sirloin Frozen	1,103	690.00-	1,170.00	809.44
Tenderloin Fresh	16,136	1,693.00-	2,195.00	1,944.39
Tenderloin Frozen	3,759	1,800.00-	2,200.00	1,990.16

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	46,292	500.00-	620.00	531.11
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	18,460	515.00-	660.00	538.80
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	39,898	484.00-	630.00	583.35

GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	108,780	500.00- 600.00	535.08
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	13,852	586.00- 660.00	602.69
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	68,164	530.00- 650.00	583.35
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,627	695.00- 695.00	695.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh		-	
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	71,887	500.00- 650.00	585.86

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			

GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Case Ready (\$/Cwt)

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	339,768	520.00- 595.00	563.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	2,926	540.00- 590.00	580.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	7,808	600.00- 750.00	670.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	1,476	555.00- 600.00	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.

Canadian Fresh Chilled Bison Meat Imports into U.S.

	Apr 2011	Apr 2010	2011 YTD	2010 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	75,398	56,218	296,301	332,457
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	441	1,543	441	1,543

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

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