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

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		:Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for April.	
W/E	Bison		Head
4/02/11	920	:Slaughter Male	595
4/09/11	806	:Slaughter Female	295
4/16/11	844	:Feeder Male	446
4/23/11	** 803 **	:Feeder Female	514
		:Total	1850
Total	**3,370 **	:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to March's report: Prices paid for bison carcasses reached historic highs, regardless of gender or age. Notably, carcasses from young bulls reached a high of \$400.00/cwt while young heifers trailed slightly behind. Aged animals saw similar price ranges.

CLASS	Hd	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	1,392	357.00-	400.00	365.73
Young Heifers **	1,032	350.00-	384.00	353.38
Aged Bulls **	17	270.00-	300.00	277.06
Aged Cows **	224	210.00-	296.00	256.92
Total	2,665			

Bison Meat: Compared to March's report: Seasonally, prices moved higher for fresh bison cuts and slid lower for frozen product. Prices inched higher for cuts, reflecting the higher prices paid for carcasses. Ground bison patties continue to remain popular.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale -	(\$/Cwt)		
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	41,515	1000.00- 1,550.00	1320.53
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	5,169	700.00- 1,595.00	1024.39
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	91,844	500.00- 725.00	545.49
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	24,621	570.00- 720.00	580.86
Top Round Fresh	837	590.00- 695.00	666.72
Top Round Frozen	5,687	560.00- 741.00	577.98
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	6,810	450.00- 695.00	573.18
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	10,128	580.00- 630.00	605.22
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	814	606.00- 695.00	617.98
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,233	580.00- 580.00	580.00
Eye of Round Fresh	1,844	654.00- 750.00	654.94
Eye of Round Frozen	414	590.00- 590.00	590.00
Strip Loin Fresh	27,648	875.00- 1,500.00	1,222.25
Strip Loin Frozen	6,243	800.00- 1,325.00	990.21
Top Sirloin Fresh	14,996	600.00- 850.00	752.91
Top Sirloin Frozen	1,190	695.00- 897.00	748.34
Tenderloin Fresh	16,153	1,650.00- 2,195.00	1,913.35
Tenderloin Frozen	4,476	1,650.00- 2,200.00	1,845.53

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale -	(\$/CWT)		
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	11,810	500.00- 620.00	531.15
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	21,290	525.00- 560.00	540.86
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			

Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	4,311	484.00-	540.00	519.85
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GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)

-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	107,736 450.00- 585.00	533.96
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	18,136 573.00- 660.00	593.38
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh		
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	60,288 540.00- 638.00	575.84
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh		
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,668 695.00- 695.00	695.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	-	
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	79,585 500.00- 650.00	583.58

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	407,676 520.00- 595.00	545.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen		
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh		
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	4,546 565.00- 585.00	573.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,240 600.00- 750.00	678.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	1,320 570.00- 590.00	581.00

**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.***

	Feb/Mar 2011	Feb/Mar 2010	2011 YTD	2010 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	132,718	214,510	220,903	276,239
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	441	0	441	0

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

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