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## MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of September

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)	W/E	Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for September:	Head
W/E 9/03/11	725		:Slaughter Male	296
W/E 9/10/11	787		:Slaughter Female	290
W/E 9/17/11	852		:Feeder Male	23
W/E 9/24/11	909		:Feeder Female	37
			:Total	646
Total	3,273		:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to August's report: Prices were higher for bison carcasses as the number of market ready bison continues to drive prices. While top side prices slid lower this month, the bottom side paid moved higher, pushing weighted averages up again.

CLASS	Hd	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	1,867	382.00- 410.00	388.59
Young Heifers **	976	381.00- 412.00	384.18
Aged Bulls **	44	295.00- 340.00	300.80
Aged Cows **	2	310.00- 310.00	310.00
Total	2,889		

Bison Meat: Compared to August's report: Prices were higher for almost all bison cuts, trimmings or grinds, fresh or frozen, reflecting the increased prices processors have to pay for live bison. More strength was seen in the ground bison market compared to the whole muscle cuts.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	44,118	1100.00- 1,600.00	1366.00
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	5,299	1150.00- 1,378.00	1221.17
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	72,846	500.00- 669.00	560.82
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	25,072	590.00- 654.00	607.71
Top Round Fresh	2,656	620.00- 804.00	694.91
Top Round Frozen	2,826	510.00- 650.00	603.86
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	9,164	570.00- 850.00	663.28
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	21,171	620.00- 695.00	650.60
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	760	695.00- 704.00	695.57
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	6,735	615.00- 651.00	646.28
Eye of Round Fresh			
Eye of Round Frozen	4,053	605.00- 615.00	605.13
Strip Loin Fresh	31,101	910.00- 1,600.00	1,354.55
Strip Loin Frozen	4,037	950.00- 1,465.00	1,093.88
Top Sirloin Fresh	9,127	600.00- 1,058.00	735.07
Top Sirloin Frozen	9,738	625.00- 874.00	792.72
Tenderloin Fresh	17,558	1,850.00- 2,300.00	2,013.63
Tenderloin Frozen	5,035	1,925.00- 2,250.00	2,063.00

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	69,402	500.00- 600.00	533.44
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	49,278	515.00- 660.00	568.80
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			

Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	16,497	530.00-	540.00	539.95
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GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)

	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	542,239	450.00-	640.00	631.83
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	1,509	650.00-	650.00	650.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh				
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	84,956	571.00-	660.00	611.18
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh				
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	2,764	695.00-	695.00	695.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh		-		
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	90,514	557.00-	660.00	591.91

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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	394,972	520.00-	799.00	586.14
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen				
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh				
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	2,846	580.00-	610.00	595.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,176	600.00-	750.00	673.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	2,205	585.00-	602.00	602.00

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\*\*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.

	Je/Jy 2011	Je/Jy 2010	2011 YTD	2010 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	80,028	210,983	418,437	623,574
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	0	441	2,425

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

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