

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of March

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for March.	Head
W/E 3/07/09	1054	:	Slaughter Male	555
W/E 3/14/09	1143	:	Slaughter Female	924
W/E 3/21/09	1138	:	Feeder Male	411
W/E 3/28/09	1009	:	Feeder Female	201
		:	Total	2091
Total	4,344	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to February's report: While prices continued to drift lower for most bison carcasses, prices appeared to be trying to firm ahead of seasonal demand for ground bison products.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range		Wghtd Avg --
Young Bulls **	1,957	231.00 -	240.00	237.30
Young Heifers **	1,304	213.00 -	230.00	220.08
Aged Bulls **	21	125.00 -	160.00	146.71
Aged Cows **	313	120.00 -	155.00	145.80
Total	3,595			

Bison Meat: Compared to February's report: As the grilling season neared, most prices were higher for bison cuts, except for tenderloins. Prices were also higher for patties, both wholesale and case ready, while both grinds and trims were mixed as increased product weighed on the market.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg --
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	39,737	876.00 -	1,225.00	984.08
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	3,239	825.00 -	1,430.00	1033.33
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	84,947	285.00 -	425.00	333.69
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	10,093	285.00 -	425.00	320.78
Top Round Fresh	2,234	370.00 -	450.00	426.23
Top Round Frozen	5,663	340.00 -	465.00	381.09
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	6,415	315.00 -	429.00	371.58
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	8,465	340.00 -	425.00	364.92
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	373	404.00 -	415.00	413.38
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,319	332.00 -	350.00	349.70
Eye of Round Fresh				
Eye of Round Frozen	532	405.00 -	456.00	441.31
Strip Loin Fresh	34,549	675.00 -	1,050.00	898.42
Strip Loin Frozen	5,050	650.00 -	995.00	711.94
Top Sirloin Fresh	7,777	475.00 -	850.00	598.58
Top Sirloin Frozen	1,537	500.00 -	805.00	705.69
Tenderloin Fresh	14,375	1,300.00 -	2,050.00	1,601.66
Tenderloin Frozen	3,132	1,200.00 -	2,040.00	1,617.32

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg --
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	47,558	240.00 -	340.00	281.66
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	128,308	248.00 -	300.00	262.34
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	54,192	270.00 -	325.00	271.58

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	93,049	280.00 - 375.00	323.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	10,564	280.00 - 390.00	354.09
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	75,832	305.00 - 470.00	373.89
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	5,367	357.00 - 495.00	374.15
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	4,941	343.00 - 343.00	343.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	96,716	310.00 - 425.00	354.08

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	435,101	300.00 - 390.00	355.12
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	28,232	365.00 - 399.00	379.38
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	31,838	310.00 - 345.00	326.00
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Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	32,666	376.00 - 414.00	380.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	32,120	315.00 - 376.00	371.71

**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.

	Jan 2009	Jan 2008	2009 YTD	2008 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	111,554	65,698	111,554	65,698
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	35,715	0	35,715

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

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