

## 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 3/01/08	1381	:	Slaughter Male	996
W/E 3/08/08	1190	:	Slaughter Female	1115
W/E 3/15/08	977	:	Feeder Male	471
W/E 3/23/08	1128	:	Feeder Female	729
W/E 3/30/08	1341	:	Total	3311
Total	6,017	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to February's report: Prices for all bison carcasses except aged cows edged higher as the lack of market ready animals supported higher prices. The USDA March slaughter numbers were also slightly distorted by a five-week reporting period.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	1,471	210.00	- 230.00	220.94
Young Heifers **	1,208	180.00	- 215.00	207.49
Aged Bulls **	91	125.00	- 150.00	144.83
Aged Cows **	438	127.00	- 140.00	132.11
Total	3,208			

Bison Meat: Compared to February's report: Prices for bison meat cuts were unevenly steady as the seasonal demand for middle meats began to appear. Prices for grinds, trimmings and prices slid slightly lower as product availability outpaced demand.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	51,121	770.00	- 1,360.00	905.02
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	6,258	800.00	- 1,200.00	955.01
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	85,655	250.00	- 410.00	307.51
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	11,344	250.00	- 400.00	328.19
Top Round Fresh	2,692	290.00	- 500.00	337.76
Top Round Frozen	7,402	290.00	- 500.00	366.44
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	4,785	270.00	- 450.00	347.10
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	7,201	270.00	- 450.00	290.56
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	1,497	250.00	- 400.00	304.89
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	2,505	290.00	- 450.00	325.87
Eye of Round Fresh				
Eye of Round Frozen	358	370.00	- 425.00	386.37
Strip Loin Fresh	29,884	650.00	- 1,050.00	916.82
Strip Loin Frozen	3,911	675.00	- 1,000.00	788.05
Top Sirloin Fresh	9,351	425.00	- 700.00	578.79
Top Sirloin Frozen	3,324	510.00	- 700.00	616.96
Tenderloin Fresh	17,822	1,350.00	- 2,335.00	1,739.91
Tenderloin Frozen	2,551	1,600.00	- 2,100.00	1,822.09

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	55,159	220.00	- 315.00	245.68
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	89,824	220.00	- 315.00	231.49
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh	2,530	220.00	- 275.00	258.00
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	26,072	220.00	- 275.00	268.92

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

	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	100,332	300.00 - 305.00	304.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	4,214	285.00 - 390.00	329.76
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	40,166	295.00 - 400.00	319.58
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,413	245.00 - 495.00	391.81
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	102,870	285.00 - 400.00	325.25

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BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Case Ready (\$/Cwt)  
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	-----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)  
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	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	401,272	300.00 - 466.00	340.81
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	22,816	300.00 - 400.00	337.16
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	10,172	315.00 - 345.00	319.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	13,558	300.00 - 425.00	354.49
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	35,871	300.00 - 425.00	345.57

\*\*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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	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	65,698	20,723	65,698	20,723
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	35,715	33,510	35,715	33,510

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

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