

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

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for July.	
W/E	Bison		Head
7/05/08	837	Slaughter Male	708
7/12/08	1176	Slaughter Female	743
7/19/08	1266	Feeder Male	0
7/26/08	1148	Feeder Female	0
		Total	1451
Total	4,427	Source:	USDA, APHIS

Bison Carcasses: Compared to June's report: Prices paid for bison carcasses, regardless of age or gender, were similar. However higher prices were seen on the top end for both young bulls and heifers.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis			
CLASS	Hd	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	2,061	215.00 - 245.00	228.63
Young Heifers **	1,035	175.00 - 240.00	221.07
Aged Bulls **	23	135.00 - 150.00	148.48
Aged Cows **	21	135.00 - 145.00	138.81
Total	3,140		

Bison Meat: Compared to June's report: End meats brought slightly higher prices as middle meats slid back even though cookout season was at its peak. In contrast, prices were steady to firm for trims, grind and patties as they continued their popularity.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	44,103	825.00 - 1,200.00	951.75
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	11,210	850.00 - 1,200.00	956.51
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	85,989	285.00 - 410.00	317.46
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	14,300	300.00 - 425.00	350.04
Top Round Fresh	2,824	290.00 - 475.00	363.97
Top Round Frozen	11,753	300.00 - 475.00	362.96
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	33,714	300.00 - 450.00	360.60
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	7,450	300.00 - 450.00	350.82
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	4,131	250.00 - 425.00	316.33
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	4,608	340.00 - 390.00	370.00
Eye of Round Fresh	221	250.00 - 350.00	327.00
Eye of Round Frozen	837	325.00 - 450.00	383.91
Strip Loin Fresh	30,612	700.00 - 1,050.00	922.03
Strip Loin Frozen	7,237	700.00 - 1,000.00	791.69
Top Sirloin Fresh	20,805	425.00 - 800.00	533.72
Top Sirloin Frozen	4,522	490.00 - 800.00	631.96
Tenderloin Fresh	22,898	1,450.00 - 2,100.00	1,626.79
Tenderloin Frozen	3,077	1,650.00 - 2,100.00	1,846.89

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	105,295	260.00 - 400.00	263.57
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	77,245	240.00 - 390.00	258.68
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	14,583	245.00 - 400.00	265.50

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	95,940	300.00 - 325.00	315.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	5,790	295.00 - 400.00	384.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	75,087	295.00 - 480.00	365.56
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	7,955	295.00 - 495.00	370.23
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	480	300.00 - 350.00	314.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	157,016	285.00 - 528.00	337.96

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	355,529	300.00 - 375.00	344.18
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	2,856	345.00 - 399.00	359.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	19,898	315.00 - 350.00	339.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	16,336	320.00 - 425.00	365.08
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	34,210	285.00 - 425.00	352.86

**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.

	May 2008	May 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	34,833	216,714	228,399	97,444
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	26,015	7,716	61,729 ***	46,077 ***

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