

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

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for November.	
W/E	Bison		Head
11/01/08	937	:Slaughter Male	500
11/08/08	1031	:Slaughter Female	735
11/15/08 **	951	:Feeder Male	791
11/22/08 **	1264	:Feeder Female	747
		:Total	2773
Total	4,183	:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to October's report: Prices remained firm for prime bulls but appeared weaker for prime heifers and aged animals as bison herds continued to cull both cows and bulls in order to make way for the addition of new breeding stock in the spring.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis			
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Young Bulls **	997	215.00 - 245.00	241.36
Young Heifers **	1,020	205.00 - 245.00	228.87
Aged Bulls **	50	140.00 - 173.00	146.60
Aged Cows **	918	130.00 - 155.00	144.17
Total	2,985		

Bison Meat: Compared to October's report: Prices for bison cuts were unevenly steady as limited product availability helped stabilize prices. Strong demand for ground bison allowed the prices to move slightly higher on grinds and patties during the late fall.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	32,715	740.00 - 1,150.00	981.74
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	7,388	700.00 - 975.00	954.97
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	77,016	285.00 - 425.00	329.41
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	7,082	280.00 - 410.00	367.25
Top Round Fresh	2,535	330.00 - 425.00	409.82
Top Round Frozen	5,921	320.00 - 425.00	401.73
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	13,336	315.00 - 460.00	412.17
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	20,848	325.00 - 431.00	395.49
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	1,114	285.00 - 395.00	362.80
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	676	330.00 - 395.00	334.83
Eye of Round Fresh			
Eye of Round Frozen	714	450.00 - 458.00	451.43
Strip Loin Fresh	23,094	750.00 - 1,050.00	943.04
Strip Loin Frozen	3,821	725.00 - 1,025.00	931.21
Top Sirloin Fresh	8,119	490.00 - 1,040.00	592.47
Top Sirloin Frozen	2,969	470.00 - 1,254.00	716.17
Tenderloin Fresh	14,354	1,550.00 - 2,255.00	1,672.02
Tenderloin Frozen	1,660	1,500.00 - 2,050.00	1,894.66

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	143,887	235.00 - 400.00	301.72
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	25,042	260.00 - 290.00	274.49
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	5,004	255.00 - 325.00	287.23

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	83,412	300.00 - 335.00	330.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	4,226	325.00 - 400.00	335.56
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	35,038	295.00 - 400.00	365.36
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,847	300.00 - 415.00	408.46
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	841	300.00 - 350.00	326.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	196,113	285.00 - 470.00	325.19

-----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	351,330	300.00 - 375.00	348.44
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	24,165	365.00 - 399.00	359.28
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	4,581	305.00 - 335.00	321.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,336	420.00 - 420.00	420.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	18,085	310.00 - 425.00	343.42

\*\*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.

	Sept 2008	Sept 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	40,124	56,218	478,182	297,403
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	220	93,255	123,679

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

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