

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

** For the Month of December **

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for December.	Head
W/E 12/06/08	1309	:	Slaughter Male	722
W/E 12/13/08	1027	:	Slaughter Female	541
W/E 12/20/08	949	:	Feeder Male	376
W/E 12/27/08	555	:	Feeder Female	269
		:	Total	1908
Total	3,840	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to November's report: On limited reporting, prices paid for bison carcasses were mostly steady. However, a weak undertone was noted as the top price paid for both prime heifers and aged bulls began to decrease.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	1,032	235.00 -	245.00	241.11
Young Heifers **	1,038	205.00 -	240.00	226.38
Aged Bulls **	23	145.00 -	155.00	150.70
Aged Cows **	674	135.00 -	155.00	143.66
Total	2,767			

Bison Meat: Compared to November's report: Based on limited reporting, prices were generally lower for both fresh and frozen bison meat cuts. Prices also slid slightly lower for wholesale bison grinds and patties but were mostly steady or slightly higher for case-ready bison grinds and patties.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	27,750	740.00 -	1,150.00	980.64
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	4,485	700.00 -	1,075.00	916.11
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	54,598	285.00 -	425.00	334.16
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	9,832	275.00 -	410.00	342.65
Top Round Fresh	1,724	372.00 -	425.00	400.50
Top Round Frozen	4,168	330.00 -	425.00	395.41
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	7,517	315.00 -	425.00	358.38
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	4,431	325.00 -	395.00	345.46
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	781	285.00 -	395.00	353.89
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	4,168	325.00 -	395.00	372.79
Eye of Round Fresh				
Eye of Round Frozen	659	370.00 -	450.00	372.84
Strip Loin Fresh	20,795	750.00 -	1,050.00	945.32
Strip Loin Frozen	2,864	725.00 -	1,025.00	852.38
Top Sirloin Fresh	2,789	495.00 -	750.00	522.47
Top Sirloin Frozen	751	470.00 -	655.00	515.00
Tenderloin Fresh	12,650	1,550.00 -	2,250.00	1,651.47
Tenderloin Frozen	2,343	1,950.00 -	2,050.00	1,826.53

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	123,223	265.00 -	320.00	266.36
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	38,394	260.00 -	290.00	268.60
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	22,528	255.00 -	325.00	302.44

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

	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	81,504	300.00 - 335.00	326.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	3,345	335.00 - 390.00	355.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	31,636	295.00 - 470.00	345.67
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,027	375.00 - 495.00	415.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	22,997	285.00 - 340.00	314.55

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	279,600	300.00 - 375.00	355.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	1,964	365.00 - 399.00	374.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	4,581	305.00 - 335.00	322.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,384	410.00 - 415.00	412.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	1,240	310.00 - 345.00	323.00

**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.

	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	74,516	34,392	552,699	331,796
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	26,015	0	119,270	123,679

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