

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 November.	Head
W/E 12/01/07	1115	:	Slaughter Male	600
W/E 12/08/07	1081	:	Slaughter Female	787
W/E 12/15/07	849	:	Feeder Male	698
W/E 12/22/07	957	:	Feeder Female	499
		:	Total	2584
Total	4,002	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to November's report: Prices were unevenly steady for young bulls and heifers along with older bulls. However, the increased availability of aged cows pushed prices lower as ranchers continued with the seasonal culling of older bison females.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis					
CLASS		Hd	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Young Bulls **	***	1,252	185.00 -	210.00	203.27 ***
Young Heifers **	***	1,000	175.00 -	210.00	194.39 ***
Aged Bulls **		77	125.00 -	140.00	134.74
Aged Cows **	***	918	100.00 -	140.00	128.14 ***
Total		3,247			

Bison Meat: Compared to November's report: Grinds, burger and roast prices were steady to firm as seasonal demand picked up for these bison cuts. However, prices for most bison steaks slid lower as product availability, both fresh and frozen, weighed on the market.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	31,451	720.00 -	1,100.00	884.23
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	12,997	675.00 -	1,100.00	718.68
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	62,125	250.00 -	410.00	303.52
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	2,355	250.00 -	400.00	301.83
Top Round Fresh	2,655	325.00 -	495.00	383.46
Top Round Frozen	5,218	300.00 -	475.00	367.77
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	4,934	270.00 -	450.00	320.79
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	2,652	270.00 -	450.00	299.21
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	1,861	250.00 -	400.00	321.73
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,762	315.00 -	425.00	323.76
Eye of Round Fresh	123	300.00 -	425.00	341.18
Eye of Round Frozen	248	350.00 -	425.00	396.06
Strip Loin Fresh	23,684	650.00 -	995.00	857.16
Strip Loin Frozen	7,090	525.00 -	950.00	632.83
Top Sirloin Fresh	8,429	520.00 -	799.00	531.38
Top Sirloin Frozen	3,287	475.00 -	675.00	587.60
Tenderloin Fresh	16,600	1,200.00 -	2,075.00	1,722.14
Tenderloin Frozen	4,541	1,550.00 -	2,000.00	1,770.33

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	73,582	225.00 -	360.00	236.37
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	47,580	220.00 -	240.00	229.00
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	7,316	225.00 -	295.00	263.42

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

	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	94,896	232.00 - 375.00	295.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	3,266	290.00 - 335.00	307.23
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	36,097	265.00 - 400.00	342.56
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,899	280.00 - 345.00	330.29
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	98,041	265.00 - 400.00	328.89

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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	313,572	300.00 - 350.00	326.69
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	16,457	310.00 - 360.00	338.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	24,758	300.00 - 345.00	334.98
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	5,470	300.00 - 425.00	358.96
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	23,131	300.00 - 400.00	348.23

\*\*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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	Oct 2007	Oct 2006	2007 YTD	2006 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	34,392	59,084	340,394	760,815
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	7,937	123,900	219,360

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

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