

## MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of June

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for June.	
Bison	:		Head
W/E 6/06/09	1101	:Slaughter Male	917
W/E 6/13/09	1067	:Slaughter Female	481
W/E 6/20/09	1036	:Feeder Male	583
W/E 6/27/09	932	:Feeder Female	266
		:Total	2247
Total	4,136	:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to May's report: Prices for young bull carcasses remained firm, however prices for all other carcasses slid lower. Retailers found themselves squeezed as both markets for bison meat and market ready bison tightened.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range		Wghtd Avg --
Young Bulls **	2,708	210.00 -	245.00	238.55
Young Heifers **	811	195.00 -	235.00	207.04
Aged Bulls **	6	135.00 -	155.00	141.67
Aged Cows **	58	118.00 -	155.00	152.02
Total	3,583			

Bison Meat: Compared to May's report: Prices for fresh bison middle meats were seasonally higher. Jerky trade strengthened the frozen bison meat market. Seasonal price increases for bison ground meats, both retail and case-ready, were evident as the tourist season began.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg --
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	44,496	825.00 -	1,195.00	961.61
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	10,539	725.00 -	1,100.00	915.57
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	84,899	310.00 -	425.00	333.46
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	19,690	300.00 -	420.00	324.98
Top Round Fresh	2,697	340.00 -	458.00	435.38
Top Round Frozen	7,269	340.00 -	465.00	397.21
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	8,905	315.00 -	427.00	378.39
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	20,834	316.00 -	390.00	339.24
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	545	285.00 -	473.00	431.39
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	6,351	234.00 -	415.00	382.27
Eye of Round Fresh	1,534	255.00 -	365.00	268.55
Eye of Round Frozen	1,390	375.00 -	490.00	445.62
Strip Loin Fresh	34,661	690.00 -	1,050.00	908.27
Strip Loin Frozen	5,466	715.00 -	995.00	834.45
Top Sirloin Fresh	9,262	475.00 -	750.00	628.90
Top Sirloin Frozen	1,898	490.00 -	730.00	711.69
Tenderloin Fresh	16,468	1,200.00 -	1,975.00	1,391.53
Tenderloin Frozen	8,540	1,100.00 -	1,600.00	1,276.77

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg --
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	62,558	240.00 -	340.00	298.58
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	106,242	293.00 -	305.00	294.17
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	18,787	254.00 -	325.00	298.19

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	119,412	300.00 - 375.00	328.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	22,384	336.00 - 470.00	389.82
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	46,188	300.00 - 350.00	318.97
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	10,356	355.00 - 375.00	374.68
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	4,841	347.00 - 347.00	347.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	134,862	285.00 - 470.00	349.51

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	422,104	300.00 - 390.00	355.57
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	32,490	365.00 - 399.00	367.71
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	12,108	320.00 - 350.00	338.00
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Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	24,896	341.00 - 423.00	355.26
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	41,152	325.00 - 368.00	363.29

\*\*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 2009	May 2008	2009 YTD	2008 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	76,059	37,833	401,902	228,619
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	26,015	0	61,729

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

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