

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of May

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for May	Head
W/E 5/02/09	1028	:	Slaughter Male	859
W/E 5/09/09	982	:	Slaughter Female	1031
W/E 5/16/09	1166	:	Feeder Male	125
W/E 5/23/09	1057	:	Feeder Female	63
		:	Total	2078
Total	4,233	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to April's report: Prices paid for all bison carcasses were slightly higher as the summer begins. The supply of market ready bison continues to be tight.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Young Bulls **	2,129	210.00 - 240.00	239.33	
Young Heifers **	1,144	150.00 - 230.00	221.12	
Aged Bulls **	20	150.00 - 160.00	159.50	
Aged Cows **	135	145.00 - 155.00	154.78	
Total	3,428			

Bison Meat: Compared to April's report: A seasonal shift was evident as prices increased for ground products and steaks with the exception of tenderloins and falling for roasts. Demand continued for lean bison meat cuts for jerky useage.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	48,009	825.00 - 1,225.00	988.30	
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	8,194	850.00 - 1,100.00	993.39	
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	102,603	310.00 - 350.00	328.60	
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	23,212	300.00 - 420.00	347.94	
Top Round Fresh	2,991	340.00 - 445.00	429.07	
Top Round Frozen	6,352	340.00 - 478.00	391.25	
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	5,668	315.00 - 425.00	376.06	
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	10,614	340.00 - 532.00	364.36	
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	608	285.00 - 415.00	394.13	
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,947	370.00 - 375.00	372.00	
Eye of Round Fresh				
Eye of Round Frozen	360	375.00 - 463.00	421.44	
Strip Loin Fresh	34,904	740.00 - 1,050.00	868.04	
Strip Loin Frozen	5,835	625.00 - 995.00	825.43	
Top Sirloin Fresh	5,624	475.00 - 750.00	651.46	
Top Sirloin Frozen	2,373	625.00 - 750.00	692.58	
Tenderloin Fresh	16,614	1,200.00 - 1,700.00	1,376.91	
Tenderloin Frozen	5,176	1,100.00 - 1,600.00	1,389.50	

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	48,153	240.00 - 340.00	295.37	
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	122,836	290.00 - 355.00	307.20	
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	55,508	281.00 - 325.00	282.75	

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	133,188	300.00 - 375.00	325.93
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	6,534	352.00 - 355.00	354.61
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	82,313	300.00 - 395.00	369.49
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	7,981	358.00 - 375.00	374.82
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	3,657	350.00 - 355.00	354.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	109,310	285.00 - 395.00	356.26

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	484,392	300.00 - 390.00	351.25
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	32,548	365.00 - 399.00	375.10
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	11,075	315.00 - 345.00	329.00
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Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	8,720	420.00 - 425.00	423.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	47,663	320.00 - 372.00	365.02

**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.

	Apr 2009	Apr 2008	2009 YTD	2008 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	99,428	16,976	325,843	193,786
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	0	0	35,715

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

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