

## MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of February

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for February.	
Bison	Head		
W/E 2/07/09	1039	:Slaughter Male	481
W/E 2/14/09	1031	:Slaughter Female	792
W/E 2/21/09	971	:Feeder Male	415
		:Feeder Female	467
		:Total	2155
Total	3,041	:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to January's report: Prices drifted lower on prime heifers and aged bulls but were steady on prime bulls and aged cows as both harvest numbers and the economy pressured the market.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis			
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Young Bulls **	1,584	210.00 - 245.00	238.08
Young Heifers **	1,026	200.00 - 235.00	221.62
Aged Bulls **	63	145.00 - 155.00	149.43
Aged Cows **	578	135.00 - 150.00	142.82
Total	3,251		

Bison Meat: Compared to January's report: Both end and middle meats were mixed as bison meat continues to hold onto its place in the market place. Additionally, both wholesale and retail grinds and patties were mixed as consumers struggle with choices for their discretionary spending.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	39,274	825.00 - 1,225.00	968.42
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	1,851	800.00 - 1,050.00	996.22
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	70,799	295.00 - 425.00	333.87
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	12,351	290.00 - 420.00	350.98
Top Round Fresh	3,065	330.00 - 448.00	391.65
Top Round Frozen	5,798	320.00 - 448.00	354.67
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	5,057	315.00 - 425.00	378.91
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	3,713	320.00 - 375.00	345.33
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	323	408.00 - 415.00	413.63
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,046	350.00 - 415.00	355.07
Eye of Round Fresh	231	315.00 - 395.00	374.61
Eye of Round Frozen	1,253	374.00 - 435.00	375.03
Strip Loin Fresh	21,674	725.00 - 1,050.00	928.20
Strip Loin Frozen	3,334	650.00 - 995.00	856.40
Top Sirloin Fresh	6,922	475.00 - 770.00	609.87
Top Sirloin Frozen	2,974	462.00 - 740.00	522.72
Tenderloin Fresh	16,392	1,295.00 - 2,050.00	1,636.82
Tenderloin Frozen	2,051	1,425.00 - 1,950.00	1,748.66

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	88,399	270.00 - 340.00	279.13
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	135,204	250.00 - 290.00	274.06
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	26,757	260.00 - 310.00	269.31

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	77,537	250.00 - 335.00	326.45
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	1,010	343.00 - 343.00	343.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	45,348	300.00 - 470.00	361.26
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,828	375.00 - 495.00	415.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	3,129	341.00 - 341.00	341.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	57,492	285.00 - 470.00	343.64

## 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	358,380	300.00 - 390.00	354.86
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	23,866	365.00 - 399.00	373.42
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	31,838	315.00 - 369.00	356.14
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Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	5,996	412.00 - 412.00	412.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	4,105	320.00 - 355.00	330.00

\*\*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.

	Dec 2008	Dec 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	50,265	28,440	712,534	388,895
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	0	119,270	123,679

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

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