

## MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of February

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for November.	Head
W/E 2/02/08	1080	:	Slaughter Male	698
W/E 2/09/08	1012	:	Slaughter Female	521
W/E 2/16/08	1140	:	Feeder Male	1011
W/E 2/23/08	1134	:	Feeder Female	810
		:	Total	3040
Total	4,366	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to January's report: Prices for prime bulls and heifers along with aged cows were higher. However, the increased number of aged bulls forced their carcass prices lower for the month of February.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Young Bulls **	1,843	185.00 - 220.00	213.50	
Young Heifers **	1,109	175.00 - 210.00	199.32	
Aged Bulls **	66	125.00 - 140.00	133.39	
Aged Cows **	723	125.00 - 140.00	135.00	
Total	3,741			

Bison Meat: Compared to January's report: A tighter inventory of whole muscle cuts allowed distributors to move prices higher on the majority of cuts. The prices on wholesale grinds trimmings and patties were also stronger while case-ready prices were weaker.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	50,100	700.00 - 1,100.00	916.73	
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	4,852	700.00 - 1,100.00	895.20	
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	102,647	250.00 - 410.00	306.84	
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	8,922	250.00 - 425.00	313.04	
Top Round Fresh	6,239	240.00 - 475.00	341.40	
Top Round Frozen	4,358	310.00 - 475.00	381.06	
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	10,841	270.00 - 450.00	318.91	
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	3,532	270.00 - 450.00	317.82	
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	4,813	250.00 - 400.00	323.66	
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,853	325.00 - 425.00	335.09	
Eye of Round Fresh	1,516	250.00 - 350.00	326.41	
Eye of Round Frozen	713	330.00 - 425.00	359.71	
Strip Loin Fresh	35,705	500.00 - 1,050.00	915.00	
Strip Loin Frozen	4,474	650.00 - 950.00	756.99	
Top Sirloin Fresh	9,670	500.00 - 700.00	587.38	
Top Sirloin Frozen	4,495	490.00 - 675.00	585.31	
Tenderloin Fresh	22,013	1,350.00 - 2,100.00	1,747.49	
Tenderloin Frozen	3,473	1,550.00 - 2,000.00	1,812.88	

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	81,032	220.00 - 300.00	254.71	
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	60,504	215.00 - 320.00	235.96	
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh	6,515	100.00 - 275.00	137.44	
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	3,809	210.00 - 400.00	310.00	

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

	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	87,228	275.00 - 315.00	304.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	9,140	285.00 - 398.00	348.12
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	54,096	295.00 - 434.00	348.51
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	21,871	295.00 - 400.00	326.49
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	72,749	300.00 - 498.00	334.45

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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	388,987	300.00 - 400.00	329.31
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	15,916	300.00 - 400.00	349.27
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	6,661	300.00 - 350.00	329.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	9,256	305.00 - 425.00	377.79
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	20,990	285.00 - 425.00	348.76

\*\*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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	Dec 2007	Dec 2006	2007 YTD	2006 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	3,946	65,257	396,832	826,072
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	48,943	975,014	259,043

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

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