

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of April

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for March.	Head
W/E 4/05/08	1214	:	Slaughter Male	1001
W/E 4/12/08	1123	:	Slaughter Female	999
W/E 4/19/08	1009	:	Feeder Male	525
W/E 4/26/08	1252	:	Feeder Female	549
		:	Total	3074
Total	4,598	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to March's report: Bison carcasses, regardless of age or gender, were steady to higher as demand for bison meat cuts continues to drive the prices on the limited number of bison.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Young Bulls **	1,980	210.00 - 235.00	223.96	
Young Heifers **	1,171	210.00 - 220.00	210.83	
Aged Bulls **	26	130.00 - 145.00	140.96	
Aged Cows **	125	125.00 - 145.00	134.97	
Total	3,302			

Bison Meat: Compared to March's report: Prices on middle meats worked higher as warmer weather ushered in grilling season. Demand for grinds and patties remained high even though added frozen product temporarily pushed these prices lower.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	47,946	770.00 - 1,200.00	922.36	
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	7,366	750.00 - 1,150.00	864.48	
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	91,227	280.00 - 410.00	306.25	
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	7,463	265.00 - 400.00	288.06	
Top Round Fresh	7,511	320.00 - 550.00	350.30	
Top Round Frozen	7,126	290.00 - 500.00	355.49	
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	20,449	270.00 - 450.00	318.82	
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	5,906	270.00 - 450.00	302.19	
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	3,139	250.00 - 425.00	328.72	
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	2,065	310.00 - 425.00	317.00	
Eye of Round Fresh	1,795	250.00 - 320.00	329.05	
Eye of Round Frozen	380	370.00 - 425.00	380.25	
Strip Loin Fresh	27,613	700.00 - 1,050.00	898.45	
Strip Loin Frozen	4,579	690.00 - 1,000.00	771.76	
Top Sirloin Fresh	19,718	425.00 - 700.00	525.03	
Top Sirloin Frozen	3,808	525.00 - 700.00	635.24	
Tenderloin Fresh	17,935	1,350.00 - 2,100.00	1,658.14	
Tenderloin Frozen	2,458	1,650.00 - 2,200.00	1,832.75	

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	97,601	235.00 - 400.00	250.40	
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	70,160	220.00 - 250.00	238.59	
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh	8,195	100.00 - 275.00	196.65	
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	7,140	200.00 - 235.00	233.00	

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	81,820	300.00 - 305.00	304.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	3,179	295.00 - 390.00	332.09
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	19,798	295.00 - 400.00	313.08
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	18,655	295.00 - 495.00	319.15
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	62,972	285.00 - 400.00	325.62

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	406,825	300.00 - 470.00	343.95
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	26,452	320.00 - 400.00	345.23
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	12,412	300.00 - 425.00	320.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	16,226	320.00 - 425.00	360.19
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	44,321	285.00 - 425.00	347.37

**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.

	Mar 2008	Jan 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	111,113	48,722	176,590	69,446
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	5,071	35,715	38,581

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