

## MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of April \*\*\* Resending for correction to Canadian Meat Imports\*\*\*

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for April.	Head
W/E 4/04/09	907	:	Slaughter Male	726
W/E 4/11/09	1017	:	Slaughter Female	692
W/E 4/18/09	1023	:	Feeder Male	176
W/E 4/25/09	1027	:	Feeder Female	263
		:	Total	1857
Total	3,974	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to March's report: Prices were similar for young bison carcasses regardless of gender. However, prices were slightly higher for carcass from older bison as the demand for ground bison products continues to build.

CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Young Bulls **	1,940	225.00 - 240.00	238.71
Young Heifers **	1,075	175.00 - 230.00	220.44
Aged Bulls **	7	135.00 - 160.00	150.00
Aged Cows **	354	140.00 - 155.00	151.90
Total	3,376		

Bison Meat: Compared to March's report: Prices paid for fresh bison cuts, trim and grinds were firm while prices for all frozen bison cuts was weak. Additionally, almost all prices for case ready bison products slid lower this month.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale -	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	35,156	875.00 - 1,450.00	992.04
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	5,051	825.00 - 1,100.00	953.54
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	59,670	290.00 - 435.00	333.88
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	13,749	285.00 - 425.00	352.25
Top Round Fresh	3,979	345.00 - 506.00	413.71
Top Round Frozen	4,150	340.00 - 470.00	386.40
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	5,452	315.00 - 425.00	379.96
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	1,634	340.00 - 425.00	390.88
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	926	400.00 - 415.00	404.16
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,469	350.00 - 360.00	359.93
Eye of Round Fresh	389	350.00 - 400.00	390.36
Eye of Round Frozen	649	385.00 - 450.00	407.75
Strip Loin Fresh	22,783	700.00 - 1,050.00	922.23
Strip Loin Frozen	4,318	680.00 - 995.00	833.61
Top Sirloin Fresh	7,031	460.00 - 966.00	579.90
Top Sirloin Frozen	1,196	490.00 - 1,035.00	670.28
Tenderloin Fresh	14,378	1,250.00 - 2,050.00	1,530.80
Tenderloin Frozen	1,673	1,200.00 - 2,500.00	1,415.44

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale -	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	47,815	240.00 - 398.00	292.35
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	125,456	280.00 - 310.00	286.80
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	21,278	265.00 - 340.00	284.93

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	77,544	300.00 - 375.00	328.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	4,218	335.00 - 343.00	335.15
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	57,585	300.00 - 506.00	375.24
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	5,712	345.00 - 375.00	371.91
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	3,618	347.00	347.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	80,429	285.00 - 470.00	350.47

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	361,886	300.00 - 390.00	355.89
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	20,847	365.00 - 399.00	370.56
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	31,838	310.00 - 345.00	324.00
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Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	5,016	420.00	420.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	25,690	315.00 - 374.00	370.00

\*\*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.

	Feb/Mar 200	Feb/Mar 2008	2009 YTD	2008 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	114,861	111,113	226,415	176,811
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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