

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)
 For the Month of October

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for September.	Head
W/E 10/04/08	Bison 884	:Slaughter Male	572
W/E 10/11/08	764	:Slaughter Female	679
W/E 10/18/08	920	:Feeder Male	986
W/E 10/25/08	969	:Feeder Female	629
		:Total	2866
Total	3,537	:Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to September's report: Prices remained firm for prime bulls and heifers and aged bulls. However prices slid lower for aged cows as producers begin to cull bison cow herds to make way for the addition of new, younger breeding stock.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis			
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Young Bulls **	1,308	200.00 - 245.00	239.99
Young Heifers **	927	225.00 - 250.00	230.17
Aged Bulls **	47	130.00 - 150.00	147.02
Aged Cows **	659	135.00 - 150.00	141.71
Total	2,941		

Bison Meat: Compared to September's report: Prices wer firm for end meats and weak for middle meats as summer drew to a close. Prices were firm on wholesale trimmings, grinds and patties while case ready bison prices slid lower, as consumers continue to choose how to spend their disposable income.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	36,775	800.00 - 1,435.00	986.46
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	8,455	750.00 - 1,100.00	960.22
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	81,036	275.00 - 425.00	333.63
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	9,432	275.00 - 410.00	329.56
Top Round Fresh	2,432	320.00 - 425.00	398.50
Top Round Frozen	10,911	310.00 - 465.00	395.48
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	15,459	315.00 - 450.00	406.25
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	17,550	315.00 - 455.00	410.51
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	1,407	285.00 - 395.00	343.97
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	2,140	310.00 - 380.00	343.07
Eye of Round Fresh			
Eye of Round Frozen	475	350.00 - 500.00	417.34
Strip Loin Fresh	27,220	690.00 - 1,150.00	925.12
Strip Loin Frozen	2,647	650.00 - 1,000.00	932.33
Top Sirloin Fresh	8,628	520.00 - 805.00	561.57
Top Sirloin Frozen	4,716	505.00 - 740.00	699.87
Tenderloin Fresh ***	18,433	1,550.00 - 2,150.00	1,724.90 ***
Tenderloin Frozen	3,334	1,500.00 - 2,500.00	1,858.75

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)			
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	94,409	270.00 - 320.00	273.97
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	73,545	265.00 - 295.00	273.76
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh			
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	8,205	260.00 - 325.00	288.40

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	87,516	300.00 - 390.00	330.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	5,777	325.00 - 390.00	335.40
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	50,747	300.00 - 415.00	356.36
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	8,231	375.00 - 495.00	412.09
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	845	300.00 - 350.00	326.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	117,622	285.00 - 470.00	348.75

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	411,208	300.00 - 400.00	339.42
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	26,762	320.00 - 400.00	358.21
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	18,429	305.00 - 350.00	317.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,576	418.00	418.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	21,725	310.00 - 425.00	342.08

**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.

	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	104,720	303,576	438,279	241,627
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	0	0	93,255	123,238

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