

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of September

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for September.	Head
W/E 9/06/08	906	:	Slaughter Male	924
W/E 9/13/08	1133	:	Slaughter Female	778
W/E 9/20/08	1077	:	Feeder Male	143
W/E 9/27/08	951	:	Feeder Female	164
		:	Total	2009
Total	4,067	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to August's report: Prices continued to increase for prime bulls, heifers and aged cows as the number of market ready animals tightens. Prices paid for aged bulls experienced a seasonal dip.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Young Bulls **	1,791	221.00 - 240.00	239.14	
Young Heifers **	1,014	215.00 - 236.00	230.36	
Aged Bulls **	4	130.00 - 145.00	137.50	
Aged Cows **	186	140.00 - 155.00	145.89	
Total	2,995			

Bison Meat: Compared to August's report: Prices paid for bison meat, fresh or frozen, crept higher as demand kept the pressure on the market. Prices were also higher for trimmings, grinds and patties as animal availability may begin to limit pounds of product in the pipeline.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	39,827	850.00 - 1,200.00	973.15	
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	10,594	850.00 - 1,200.00	923.94	
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	19,731	300.00 - 425.00	363.33	
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	87,794	285.00 - 425.00	322.09	
Top Round Fresh	2,321	280.00 - 475.00	418.84	
Top Round Frozen	2,766	375.00 - 510.00	397.28	
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	15,747	295.00 - 450.00	354.60	
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	11,648	300.00 - 450.00	354.29	
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	9,689	250.00 - 425.00	344.09	
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,329	250.00 - 425.00	352.28	
Eye of Round Fresh	282	285.00 - 550.00	443.44	
Eye of Round Frozen	754	340.00 - 550.00	389.80	
Strip Loin Fresh	28,147	700.00 - 1,075.00	946.32	
Strip Loin Frozen	5,174	700.00 - 1,035.00	858.61	
Top Sirloin Fresh	15,381	475.00 - 805.00	576.55	
Top Sirloin Frozen	2,809	550.00 - 900.00	645.27	
Tenderloin Fresh	15,240	1,450.00 - 2,250.00	1,683.34	
Tenderloin Frozen	5,817	1,700.00 - 2,255.00	1,937.64	

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	104,055	235.00 - 400.00	286.03	
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	31,378	255.00 - 295.00	266.97	
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	16,422	255.00 - 315.00	276.29	

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	93,456	300.00 - 390.00	324.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	5,080	325.00 - 400.00	337.53
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh	345	394.00 - 394.00	394.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	99,602	295.00 - 795.00	365.97
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	6,396	295.00 - 495.00	372.83
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	996	300.00 - 350.00	326.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	130,996	300.00 - 400.00	344.52

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	378,312	300.00 - 400.00	344.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	29,095	320.00 - 400.00	359.77
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	19,898	310.00 - 350.00	319.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	4,784	410.00 - 410.00	410.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	55,321	285.00 - 425.00	346.47

**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.

	July 2008	July 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	41,667	67,682	333,339	198,857
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	23,589	77,162	93,255	123,238

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

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