

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of August

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)		Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for August.	Head
W/E 8/02/08	1029	:	Slaughter Male	461
W/E 8/09/08	987	:	Slaughter Female	536
W/E 8/16/08	902	:	Feeder Male	0
W/E 8/23/08	886	:	Feeder Female	0
		:	Total	997
Total	3,804	:	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses: Compared to August's report: Prices paid for bison carcasses, regardless of age or gender, were higher as the availability of market ready animals continues to tighten and demand for bison meat remains strong.

Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt \$/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis				
CLASS	Hd-	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Young Bulls **	1,591	225.00 - 245.00	236.62	
Young Heifers **	833	200.00 - 240.00	228.95	
Aged Bulls **	2	150.00 - 150.00	150.00	
Aged Cows **	117	135.00 - 145.00	142.74	
Total	2,543			

Bison Meat: Compared to August's report: Prices for fresh ribeyes and tenderloins slid slightly lower while prices for all other cuts remained firm. End of the summer demand for bison patties buoyed the market for trimmings and grinds.

BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/Cwt)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh	42,533	825.00 - 1,200.00	888.56	
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen	14,241	810.00 - 1,200.00	1008.70	
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	66,093	250.00 - 425.00	312.80	
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	13,444	265.00 - 380.00	305.68	
Top Round Fresh	2,930	320.00 - 475.00	394.48	
Top Round Frozen	8,348	320.00 - 475.00	381.05	
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	13,422	295.00 - 450.00	354.97	
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	23,852	300.00 - 450.00	362.00	
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	7,074	250.00 - 425.00	330.84	
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	6,092	340.00 - 425.00	358.60	
Eye of Round Fresh	891	285.00 - 500.00	346.48	
Eye of Round Frozen	1,570	285.00 - 425.00	382.02	
Strip Loin Fresh	31,255	700.00 - 1,050.00	920.04	
Strip Loin Frozen	6,870	700.00 - 1,000.00	835.89	
Top Sirloin Fresh	21,979	475.00 - 800.00	537.83	
Top Sirloin Frozen	2,320	525.00 - 900.00	650.40	
Tenderloin Fresh	21,442	1,450.00 - 2,250.00	1,468.33	
Tenderloin Frozen	4,691	1,725.00 - 2,150.00	1,924.32	

BISON TRIMMINGS - GRAIN FED - Wholesale - (\$/CWT)				
	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg --	
Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	118,724	235.00 - 400.00	263.63	
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	55,147	250.00 - 275.00	262.74	
Bison Trimmings 85% Fresh				
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	12,278	245.00 - 315.00	265.18	

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

	Lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	77,004	300.00 - 350.00	324.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	7,555	295.00 - 400.00	384.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	50,711	300.00 - 425.00	345.04
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh			
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	8,116	295.00 - 370.00	368.66
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	1,440	300.00 - 350.00	314.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	128,919	285.00 - 425.00	336.58

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	384,478	300.00 - 400.00	347.56
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen	16,948	320.00 - 400.00	352.53
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh			
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	19,898	305.00 - 340.00	317.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	5,314	320.00 - 425.00	384.09
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	44,252	315.00 - 425.00	348.96

**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.

	June 2008	June 2007	2008 YTD	2007 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	63,273	19,180	291,671	131,175
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	7,940	0	69,666	46,077

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

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