



BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

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Weekly Federal Bison Slaughter

for week ending:	05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Jan. Total	2007 Final	07 vs 06 % Change
Total Canada	259	471	486	644	1,860	19,166	16%
previous year	114	265	419	302	1,100	16,464	

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec 2006	2007 Final	2006 Final	% Change
Alberta	338	330	396	155	231	4,230	4,355	-3%
Manitoba	56	35	37	42	43	482	532	-9%
Ontario	37	48	45	13	22	452	458	-1%
Total	431	413	478	210	296	5,164	5,345	-3%

*source AAFC Red Meat Section

	2007	2006	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter	24,330	21,809	12%

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Jan. Total	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	% Change
	720	992	1,215	1,038	3,965	3,965	3,559	11%
previous year	681	1,006	1,031	841	3,559			

*actual slaughter numbers in federally inspected plants, not necessarily inspected, source USDA

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	% Change
Slaughter Male	699	513	600	690	690	293	135%
Slaughter Female	600	443	787	1,243	1,243	152	718%
Feeder Male	569	234	698	723	723	60	1105%
Feeder Female	163	368	499	258	258	-	
Total	2,031	1,658	2,584	2,914	2,914	505	477%

*source USDA

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2007	2006	% Change
USA	Kg	30,695	19,350	25,498	15,587	7,760	17,873	177,894	395,240	-55%
	Value (\$Cdn)	156,769	152,146	167,289	111,034	72,596	104,416	1,218,709	2,483,893	-51%
France	Kg	28,340	39,108	68,875	35,857	83,780	43,803	493,205	559,095	-12%
	Value (\$Cdn)	279,343	351,896	515,579	353,498	699,917	403,655	4,330,914	5,421,788	-20%
Germany	Kg	16,613	16,503	20,821	19,265	12,914	15,868	197,437	428,343	-54%
	Value (\$Cdn)	219,843	205,021	255,867	235,850	169,781	227,257	2,506,384	2,801,502	-11%
Switzerland	Kg	1,561	1,792	1,251	1,867	3,955	6,138	34,313	35,969	-5%
	Value (\$Cdn)	29,995	35,129	25,771	29,872	69,456	110,261	630,050	606,875	4%
Netherlands	Kg							1,091	10,068	-89%
	Value (\$Cdn)							8,676	93,347	-91%
Japan	Kg									
	Value (\$Cdn)									
Neth. Antilles	Kg		56			56	164	1,143	1,330	-14%
	Value (\$Cdn)		931			560	2,123	18,414	28,840	-36%
Italy	Kg	1,260	564	818	597	941	931	7,644	2,183	250%
	Value (\$Cdn)	20,155	10,170	16,175	11,643	15,061	14,894	135,989	10,435	1203%
Other	Kg	82,436	2,472			170,807	6	273,415	174,689	57%
	Value (\$Cdn)	335,664	9,310			612,392	1,060	1,136,681	537,280	112%
Total	Kg	160,905	79,845	117,263	73,173	280,213	84,783	1,186,142	1,606,917	-26%
	Value (\$Cdn)	1,041,769	764,603	980,681	741,897	1,639,763	863,666	9,985,817	11,983,960	-17%

Bone-in

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2007	2006	% Change
Total	3,379	37,678	305	1,001	5,296	978	117,679	129,971	-9%
Value (\$Cdn)	21,685	177,295	5,408	10,987	61,063	10,475	530,452	661,669	-20%

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2007	2006	% Change
Kg	164,284	117,523	117,568	74,174	285,509	85,761	1,303,821	1,736,888	-25%
Value (\$Cdn)	1,063,454	941,898	986,089	752,884	1,700,826	874,141	10,516,269	12,645,629	-17%

*source Statistics Canada

Commentary

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Bison prices have remained firm, with pricing in both Canada and the US steady to slightly higher over the last month. January saw exports of live bison to the US continue to increase, approaching 3000 head for the month, with the majority of the increase attributable to animals for slaughter. Reports from the US have middle meat prices holding firm, while other cuts are showing some post-holiday season weakness. Trims and grinding meat are also starting to show some weakness as increased product is making its way to market.

Chart 1

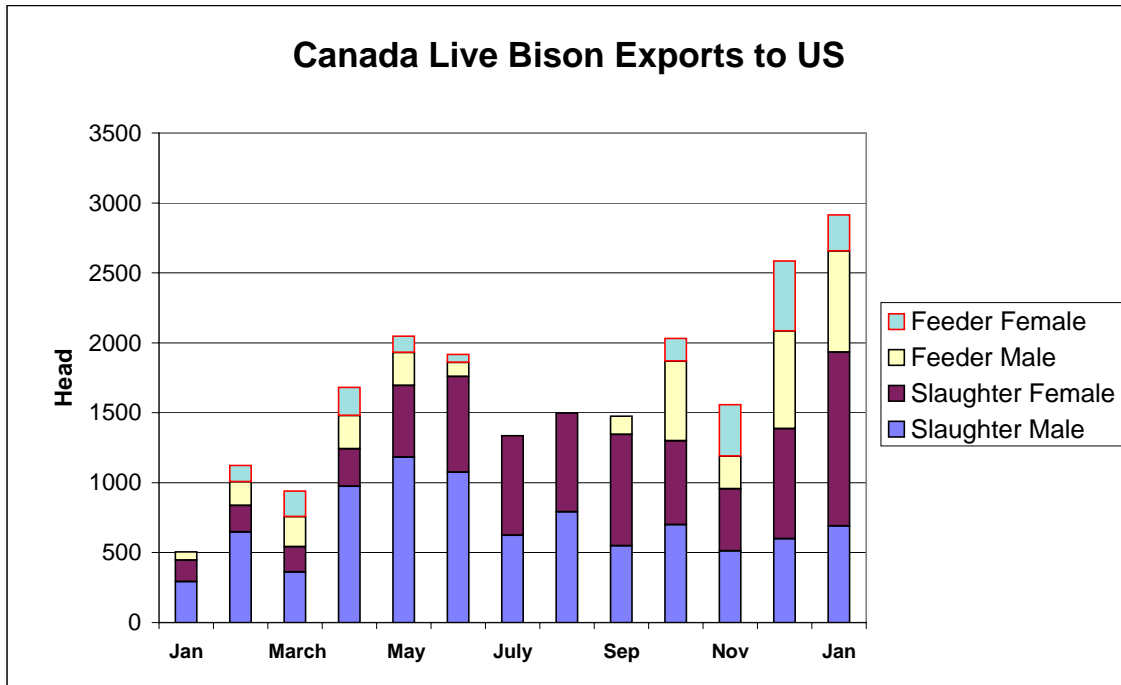


Chart 2

