



## BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

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### Weekly Federal Bison Slaughter

	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	May Total	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<i>previous year</i>	222	287	136	263	908			

### Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	Apr 2012	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Alberta</b>	101	147	136	113	101	101	497	323	53.9%
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	10	12	12	49	45	4	118	38	210.5%
<b>Manitoba/BC</b>	40	101	37	63	75	51	276	214	29.0%
<b>Ontario/Quebec**</b>	17	15	18	14	6	26	53	103	-48.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>39.2%</b>

\*\* Quebec Provincial slaughter numbers are estimated due to a delay in reporting

Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter *	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% Change
	5,654	5,048	12.0%

\*Source AAFC Red Meat Section : Due to varying provincial reporting schedules, total Fed. and Prov. has a one month delay in Prov. Data

### US Federal Slaughter\*

	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	May Total	2013	2012	% Change
<b>for week ending:</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>17,368</b>	<b>16,821</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<i>previous year</i>	696	838	864	949	3,347			

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

### Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Slaughter Male</b>	771	337	373	413	298	2,192	2,339	-6.3%
<b>Slaughter Female</b>	484	707	339	467	720	2,717	1,533	77.2%
<b>Feeder Male</b>	121	340	42	326	509	1,338	1,689	-20.8%
<b>Feeder Female</b>	100	131	41	164	230	666	1,238	-46.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>6,799</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

\*source USDA

### Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		Nov 2012	December	January 2013	February	March	April	April YTD		% Change
								2013	2012	
<b>USA</b>	Kg	11,469	16,976	11,449	14,273	19,822	23,479	69,023	66,175	4.3%
	Value (\$Cdn)	61,549	115,373	152,591	147,399	273,201	268,368	841,559	649,568	29.6%
<b>France</b>	Kg	5,391	18,010	4,720	3,084	11,258	6,880	25,942	30,416	-14.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	92,197	188,588	80,920	81,938	204,718	146,790	514,366	385,016	33.6%
<b>Switzerland</b>	Kg	4,079	6,238	2,291	6,099	11,023	3,866	23,279	8,534	172.8%
	Value (\$Cdn)	138,586	251,424	101,893	249,866	402,653	173,190	927,602	359,612	157.9%
<b>Germany</b>	Kg	157	290	-	-	-	-	-	567	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	3,740	5,854	-	-	-	-	-	14,684	-
<b>Egypt</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Mexico</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Republic of Moldova</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Italy</b>	Kg	192	-	-	605	-	395	1,000	1,058	-5.5%
	Value (\$Cdn)	4,385	-	-	15,709	-	8,533	24,242	26,370	-8.1%
<b>Sweden</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Netherlands</b>	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Belgium</b>	Kg	-	17,611	-	-	17,353	19,684	37,037	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	226,435	-	-	224,919	247,667	472,586	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kg</b>	<b>21,288</b>	<b>59,125</b>	<b>18,460</b>	<b>24,061</b>	<b>59,456</b>	<b>54,304</b>	<b>156,281</b>	<b>106,750</b>	<b>46.4%</b>
	<b>Value (\$Cdn)</b>	<b>300,457</b>	<b>787,674</b>	<b>335,404</b>	<b>494,912</b>	<b>1,105,491</b>	<b>844,548</b>	<b>2,780,355</b>	<b>1,435,250</b>	<b>93.7%</b>

### Bone-in

	Nov 2012	December	January 2013	February	March	April	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,675</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>18,715</b>	<b>-98.6%</b>
	87,255	-	3,098	317	-	-	3,415	179,947	-98.1%

### Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	Nov 2012	December	January 2013	February	March	April	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Kg</b>	<b>40,963</b>	<b>59,125</b>	<b>18,698</b>	<b>24,082</b>	<b>59,456</b>	<b>54,304</b>	<b>156,540</b>	<b>125,465</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>Value (\$Cdn)</b>	<b>387,712</b>	<b>787,674</b>	<b>338,502</b>	<b>495,229</b>	<b>1,105,491</b>	<b>844,548</b>	<b>2,783,770</b>	<b>1,615,197</b>	<b>72.3%</b>

\*source Statistics Canada



**Commentary**

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Based on available market information, finished bison prices in mid-June were under pressure but did reach mid-May levels. Producers received \$3.70 per pound HHW for bison bulls and \$3.55 per pound HHW for heifers with appropriate adjustments for weight and quality. Wholesale prices for middle and prime cuts remained stable with good movement into the market. The inventory of frozen bison trim continues to be burdensome. Fresh bison trim demand has improved. There are reports that Canadian demand for bison meat is stronger than the previous month with those marketers shipping product to the US seeing steady demand. The summer grilling season getting into full swing, combined with the introduction of new products using bison trim, should assist in reducing burdensome levels of trim.

Marketers continue to report that they have access to a very good supply of animals to meet current market demand.

Nationally, federal slaughter was up 7.8% for the first 21 weeks of 2013 (week ending May 25, 2013) when compared to 2012 (4,710 animals in 2013 compared to 4,370 animals in 2012). Live animal exports to the end of May 2013 at 6,913 head are up 1.7% when compared to the 6,799 bison exported for the same period in 2012.

Increased slaughter in the US because of the drought, combined with increased exports to the US, as well as increased Canadian slaughter, has assured ample supply of bison product.

Chart 1

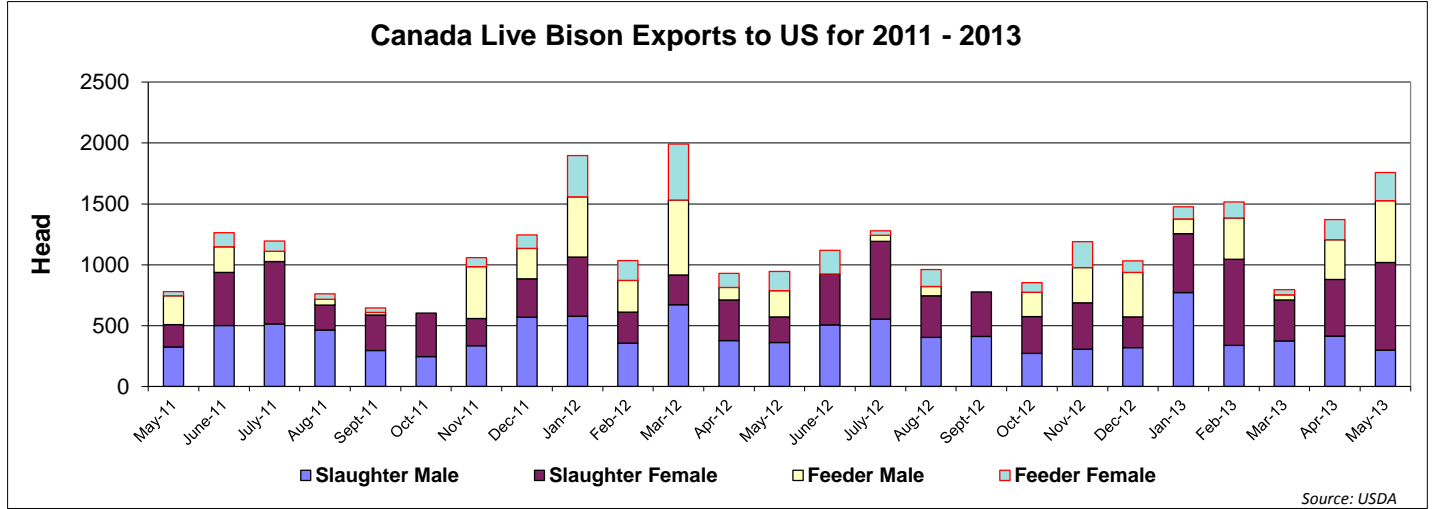
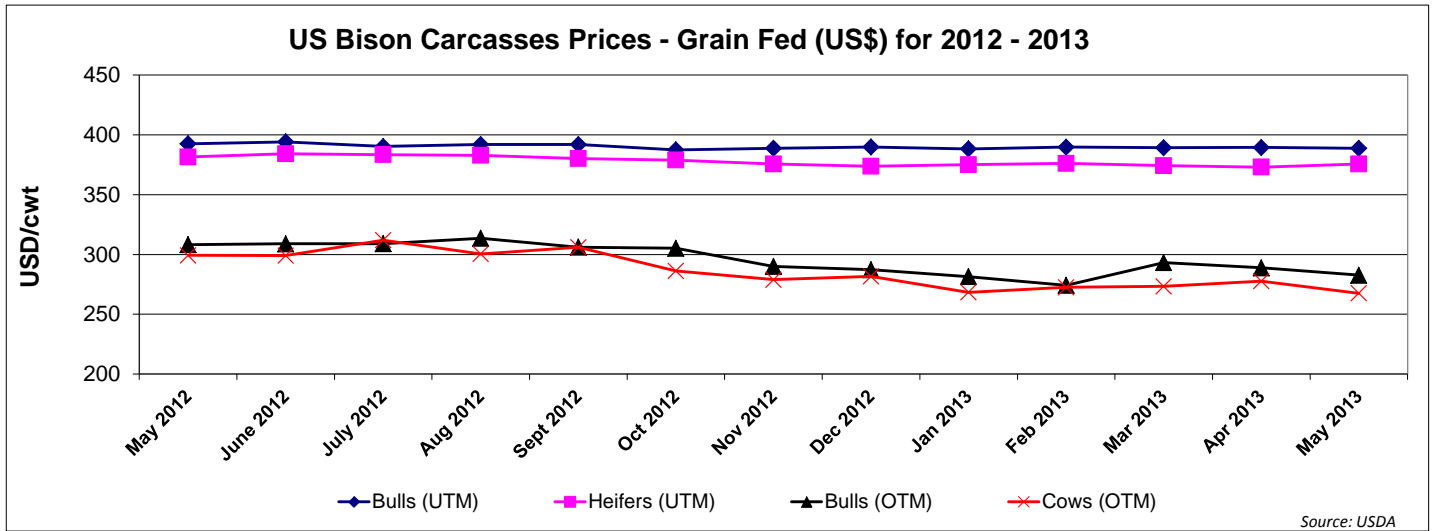


Chart 2



**The Canadian Bison Industry by the Numbers.....**

On another note, the 2011 Canadian Census of Agriculture was released on May 10, 2011. Nationally, the number of bison farms and ranches reporting bison was at 64% of the 2006 levels. The number of bison reported on farms and ranches in 2011 was also reported to be at about 64% of 2006 levels. According to the data, the average bison herd has remained at 103 head.

Excluding the Atlantic region, there were declines in the number of farms and ranches ranging from 15.5% to 41.3% with the greatest decline in British Columbia and the smallest decline in Ontario.

Again excluding the Atlantic Region, there were declines in the number of bison on farms and ranches in Canada ranging from 27.3% to 44.9% with the greatest decline in QC and the smallest decline in BC.

	FARMS REPORTING BISON			NUMBER OF BISON REPORTED		
	2011	2006	% Change	2011	2006	% Change
Newfoundland and Labrador	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	0	1	-100.0%	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	2	1	100.0%	-	-	-
New Brunswick	2	3	-33.3%	-	-	-
Quebec	45	69	-34.8%	2,380	4,322	-44.9%
Ontario	60	71	-15.5%	2,320	4,106	-43.5%
Manitoba	108	166	-34.9%	14,116	19,609	-28.0%
Saskatchewan	352	597	-41.0%	39,343	57,395	-31.5%
Alberta	571	869	-34.3%	57,483	97,366	-41.0%
British Columbia	71	121	-41.3%	9,206	12,656	-27.3%
<b>Canada Total</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>-36.2%</b>	<b>125,142</b>	<b>195,728</b>	<b>-36.1%</b>

Note: In Atlantic Provinces number of farms reporting too small for public disclosure.

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