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### Weekly Price Summary for February 7, 2020

#### Canadian Finished Bison Prices Under Pressure with Excess Supply

*With the Canadian dollar fluctuations, please confirm prices offered by buyers as they may change daily.*

In 2019 in federally inspected plants, there were 8,163 bison slaughtered in Canada and 54,051 bison slaughtered in the U.S. Of those slaughtered in the U.S., 14,589 were imported from Canada compared to 13,401 in 2018. In 2019, 5,471 feeders were exported to the U.S. compared to 4,141 in 2018.

Prices offered by Canadian buyers for slaughter in Canada range from \$4.25 – \$4.60/lb. HHW for Grade “A” bison. Heifers are priced at about 25 cents less. The three plants slaughtering bison are in Manitoba and Alberta with bison competing with other species for slaughter space.

Canadian buyers purchasing bulls for slaughter in the U.S. market are paying from \$5.00 - \$5.25/lb. HHW when slaughter dates are available. Heifers are priced at about 25 cents less. Carcasses that do not fall within buyers’ specifications may be discounted. Final returns may need adjustment for quality, transportation and export costs.

U.S. buyers are offering \$3.85 - 4.15/lb. US HHW for prime bulls from Canada for slaughter in the U.S. Heavier carcass bulls may be discounted. Returns to the producers are dependent on exchange rates, quality, transportation and export costs.

Older cows and bulls are being priced at \$3.00 to \$3.50 Canadian HHW.

With a surplus of finished bulls, 2019 bull calves in the 500 lb. range are being purchased at about \$2.00 per pound with some sales higher.

*\*\*Producers should research what parameters the prices are based on. Parameters such as Canadian or US delivery, weight ranges, age etc. This will assist them in comparing prices on an even basis. \*\**

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