



BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

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Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	June Total	2021	2020	% Change
Total Canada	120	200	100	286	60	766	3,739	3,183	17.5%
previous year	80	55	81	54	91	361			

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	May 2020	2021	2020	% Change
BC / Alberta	179	147	190	115	14	75	645	386	67.1%
Sask / Manitoba	45	30	57	15	41	34	188	161	16.8%
Ontario / Quebec	41	66	63	52	23	31	245	231	6.1%
Canada Total	265	243	310	182	78	140	1,078	778	38.6%

Note: In order to protect the confidentiality of individual abattoirs, the provincial groupings have changed.

	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter *	4,051	3,600	12.5%

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

Canadian Production

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020	% Change
Total Slaughter	14,186	11,568	10,886	10,041	9,585	7,859	4,051	3,600	12.5%
Total Live Exports	26,162	18,364	17,600	17,342	20,060	24,574	12,434	11,271	10.3%
Total Production	40,348	29,932	28,486	27,383	29,645	32,433	16,485	14,871	10.9%

*Source : Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Provincial Governments, and USDA APHIS

US Federal Slaughter*

	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	June Total	2021	2020	% Change
for week ending:	999	1,264	1,161	1,323	1,196	5,943	32,602	31,310	4.1%
previous year	1,232	1,300	1,234	1,042	1,102	5,910			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	February -21	March -21	April -21	May 21	June 21	June - 20	2021	2020	% Change
Slaughter Male	890	1,254	813	1,262	985	1,306	6,280	5,134	22.3%
Slaughter Female	515	799	490	362	959	495	3,713	3,488	6.5%
Feeder Male	324	924	491	736	399	161	2,998	2,674	12.1%
Feeder Female	427	531	174	495	100	210	1,886	2,147	-12.2%
Total	1,819	1,947	1,968	2,855	2,443	2,172	14,877	13,443	10.7%

*source : USDA, APHIS

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Please note the bison meat export data is currently under review.

								January - May YTD		
								2021	2020	% Change
Boneless										
United States	Kg	4,404	43,256	28,532	9,214	11,505	15,983	65,234	111,190	-41.3%
	Value (\$Cdn)	71,489	485,043	353,244	133,018	125,757	232,344	844,363	1,421,329	-40.6%
Netherlands	Kg	-	-	-	-	645	731	1,376	2,136	-35.6%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	4,832	30,434	35,266	62,512	-43.6%
Switzerland	Kg	245	163	144	-	-	614	758	2,515	-69.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	10,652	7,558	2,328	-	-	25,290	27,618	113,346	-75.6%
Italy	Kg	-	-	495	-	-	399	894	2,667	-66.5%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	23,452	-	-	12,067	35,519	98,859	-64.1%
Germany	Kg	71	-	-	-	-	182	182	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	3,484	-	-	-	-	8,376	8,376	-	-
France	Kg	1,323	-	-	-	-	105	105	3,614	-97.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	48,203	-	-	-	-	2,987	2,987	105,793	-97.2%
Belgium	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	795	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,705	-
Other Countries	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	Kg	6,043	43,419	29,171	9,214	12,150	18,014	68,549	122,917	-44.2%
	Value (\$Cdn)	133,828	492,601	379,024	133,018	130,589	311,498	954,129	1,830,544	-47.9%

Bone-in

								January - May YTD		
								2021	2020	% Change
Total	Kg	5,733	10,540	16,213	21,350	2,395	6,339	46,297	65,969	-29.8%
	Value (\$Cdn)	74,480	109,096	170,242	226,003	25,151	66,563	487,959	692,675	-29.6%

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

								January - May YTD		
								2021	2020	% Change
	Kg	11,776	53,959	45,384	30,564	14,545	24,353	114,846	188,886	-39.2%
	Value (\$Cdn)	208,308	601,697	549,266	359,021	155,740	378,061	1,442,088	2,523,219	-42.8%

*Source: Statistics Canada (HS Code 02013010 - Bison cuts boneless, fresh or chilled and HS Code 02012010 - Bison cuts bone in, fresh or chilled)

US Bison Carcasses - Grain Fed (Hot Carcass Wt \$US/cwt) FOB Plant Basis

wghtd avg				
	Bulls (UTM)	Heifers (UTM)	Bulls (OTM)	Cows (OTM)
June 2020	397.89	395.50	339.29	335.70
July 2020	399.04	382.52	338.59	337.53
Aug 2020	400.16	373.40	338.43	336.98
Sept 2020	396.19	386.83	336.00	328.26
Oct 2020	394.58	376.67	334.74	311.64
Nov 2020	393.03	386.84	336.13	325.24
Dec 2020	388.99	369.16	325.83	329.09
Jan 2021	393.52	369.16	325.47	329.09
Feb 2021	391.13	363.69	338.64	310.79
Mar 2021	376.12	376.24	327.10	316.12
Apr 2021	384.92	363.57	318.07	311.21
May 2021	379.46	359.55	304.26	318.32
Jun 2021	389.34	358.62	321.45	314.57

*source USDA

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wghtd avg							
	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls	Mature Cows	For the U.S.Market	Bulls	Heifers
July 2020	350-400	350-375	250-325	250-325	July 2020	500	480
Aug 2020	350-400	350-375	250-325	250-325	Aug 2020	500	480
Sept 2020	350-400	350-375	250-325	250-325	Sept 2020	500-525	480-500
Oct 2020	350-400	350-375	250-325	250-325	Oct 2020	500-525	480-500
Nov 2020	350-380	350-380	225-325	225-325	Nov 2020	500-525	480-500
Dec 2020	350-380	350-380	225-325	225-325	Dec 2020	500-525	480-500
Jan 2021	350-380	350-380	180-195	180-195	Jan 2021	500-525	480-500
Feb 2021	350-380	350-380	180-195	180-195	Feb 2021	480-500	460-480
Mar 2021	370-410	350-380	190-220	190-220	Mar 2021	470-500	440-470
Apr 2021	390-410	390-410	220-230	220-230	Apr 2021	480-500	460-480
May 2021	400-415	390-415	220-230	220-230	May 2021	460-490	430-480
Jun 2021	400-415	390-415	225-230	230-250	Jun 2021	460-490	430-480
Jul 2021	400-415	390-415	225-230	230-250	Jul 2021	460-490	430-480

*source CBA survey of marketers

USDA Key Cuts - Grain Fed Wholesale (\$US/cwt)

	April 2021		May 2021		June 2021		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 mnths prior	1 month prior
Ribeye Lip-On Fresh	1,163 - 1,244	1,224.66	1,165 - 1,325	1,243.37	1,167 - 1,600	1,251.48	2.2%	0.7%
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	644 - 675	660.68	619 - 680	652.46	621 - 720	651.99	-1.3%	-0.1%
Striploin Fresh	934 - 1,250	1,009.24	991 - 1300	1,028.17	948 - 1,127	1,038.05	2.9%	1.0%
Tenderloin Fresh	1,297 - 1,747	1,438.92	1,340 - 1,752	1,474.08	1,351 - 2,100	1,570.33	9.1%	6.5%
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	590 - 678	647.72	530 - 730	621.62	575 - 740	625.70	-3.4%	0.7%
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	595 - 740	643.71	540 - 704	597.02	590 - 727	628.44	-2.4%	5.3%

*source USDA

Canadian Bison Cuts - Grain Fed Wholesale (\$Cdn/kilogram)

	Mid-April 2021 Pricing	Mid-May 2021 Pricing	Mid-June 2021 Pricing	Mid-July 2021 Pricing
Tenderloin - Fresh	\$45.00 - \$52.00	\$45.00 - \$52.00	\$52.00 - \$56.90	\$49.95 - \$56.90
Strip Loin Boneless - Fresh	\$28.00 - \$29.995	\$28.00 - \$29.995	\$28.90 - \$30.00	\$28.90 - \$30.00
Inside Round - Fresh	\$17.50 - \$21.00	\$17.50 - \$21.00	\$19.90 - \$20.00	\$17.95 - \$20.00
Ground 90% Bulk Fresh	\$16.25 - \$16.95	\$16.25 - \$16.95	\$15.95 - \$17.75	\$15.95 - \$17.75
Fresh Bison Trim	\$11.95 - \$12.00	\$11.95 - \$12.00	\$13.95 - \$14.00	\$11.95 - \$14.00

*source CBA survey of marketers

Live Auction Reports *most recently reported; may not reflect current market

Jack Auction Group (SK) (May 31, 2021)			Ritchie Bros (SK) (May 5, 2021)			Jack Auction Group (SK) (Apr 27, 2021)		
Head Sold: 165			Head Sold: 526			Head Sold: 323		
Class	# of head	Average/lb	Class	# of head	Average/lb	Class	# of head	Average/lb
2020 Bulls Cross (475 Base)	36	\$1.77	2020 Bulls (600+)	51	\$2.16	2020 Bulls Cross (500 Base)	50	2.07
2020 Bulls Cross (530 Base)	12	\$1.76	2020 Bulls (500-599)	127	\$2.05	2020 Heifers Cross (500 Base)	21	2.29
2020 Heifers Cross (475 Base)	14	\$1.66	2020 Bulls (400-499)	40	\$1.52	2020 Mixed Cross (550 Base)	33	\$1.96
2020 Bulls Cross (720 Base)	52	\$1.96	2020 Bulls (300-399)	6	\$1.44	2020 Bulls Cross (575 Base)	47	\$2.16
2020 Heifers Cross (635 Base)	38	\$1.69	2019 Bulls Semen Tested (1400-1499)	2	\$3.50	2020 Heifers Cross (500 Base)	42	\$1.89
2020 Bulls Cross (690 Base)	7	\$1.96	2019 Bulls Semen Tested (1200-1299)	2	\$2.51	2020 Mixed Cross (550 Base)	8	\$1.71
2020 Mixed Cross (685 Base)	6	\$1.60	2019 Bulls (1000+)	1	\$2.14	2020 Mixed Cross (385 Base)	20	\$1.76
			2019 Bulls (750-899)	9	\$2.10	2020 Mixed Cross (350 Base)	15	\$1.57
			2019 Bulls (600-750)	9	\$1.52	2019 Mixed Cross (725 Base)	12	\$1.81
			2018 Bulls (1400+)	1	\$1.47	2019 Mixed Cross (700 Base)	15	\$1.67
			2018 Bulls (1100-1150)	1	\$1.72	2018 Mixed Cross (850 Base)	15	\$1.67
			2018 Bulls (900-999)	6	\$1.72			
			2018 Bulls (800-899)	4	\$1.94			
			2020 Heifers (500-625)	108	\$1.65			
			2020 Heifers (400-499)	106	\$1.52			
			2020 Heifers (275-399)	12	\$1.14			
			2019 Heifers (800+)	3	\$1.80			
			2019 Heifers (700-799)	22	\$1.74			
			2019 Heifers (600-699)	12	\$1.31			
			2019 Heifers (450-499)	2	0.96			
			2018 Heifers (700+)	2	\$1.52			

Commentary

By Terry Kremenik, Executive Director, CBA

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As restaurants begin to open and the BBQ season is in full swing, there is more optimism in the marketplace. Marketers report that the demand for ribeyes and tenderloins is strong. It is also reported that there is a manageable level of inventory of middle cuts with others reporting extra inventory of bison trim. Demand in Europe and the U.S. is also showing strength. Retail demand is also reported to be increasing in Canada with the expectation that it should increase over the summer.

Canadian buyers are paying \$4.00 - \$4.15/lb. HHW for prime bulls and \$3.90 - \$4.15/lb. HHW on heifers on light trading. Buyers are paying \$2.20 - \$2.50/lb. HHW for mature cows and bulls. To July 10, 2021 there were 3,955 bison slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada – up 21.8% over the 3,246 slaughtered for the same period in 2020 and 10.7% below the 4,429 slaughtered in 2019. There is an adequate supply of finished animals based on current demand. The present dry conditions in western Canada are a concern of a number of producers and policy makers.

Canadian buyers purchasing bulls for slaughter in the U.S. market are paying up to \$4.90/lb. Canadian HHW when slaughter dates are available. Heifers are priced up to 40 cents lower. Carcasses that do not fall within buyers' specifications may be discounted. Final returns need adjustment for quality, transportation and export costs.

U.S. buyers are offering up to \$4.00 /lb. US HHW for prime bulls and up to \$3.80 /lb. US HHW for heifers from Canada for slaughter in the U.S. where slaughter times have been booked. Returns to the producers are dependent on exchange rates, quality, transportation and export costs.

Total live bison exports to the US for the first five months of 2021 at 12,896 head is 9.0% above the 11,830 exported in the first five months of 2020.

Chart 1

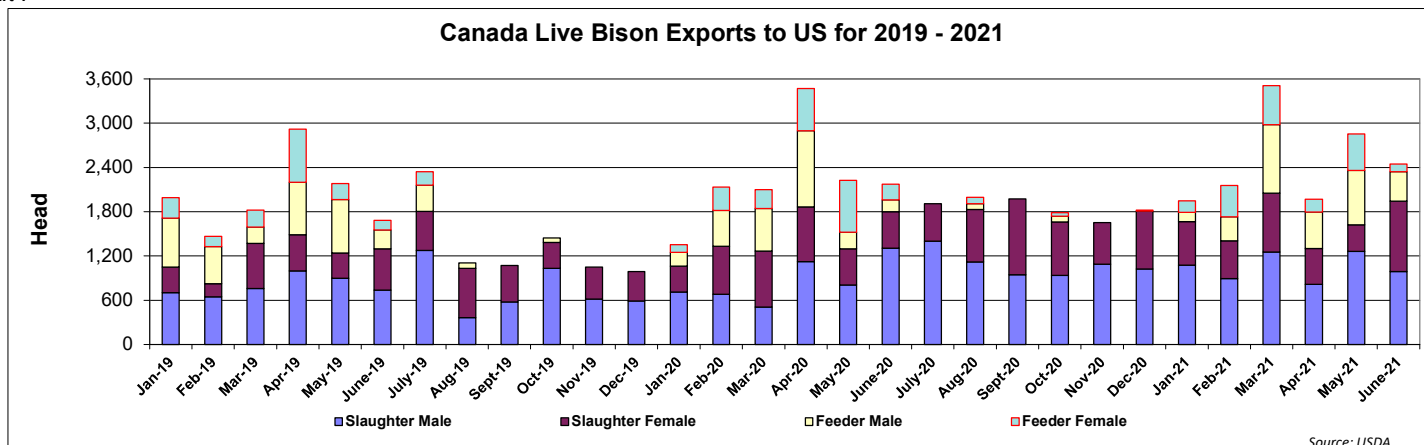
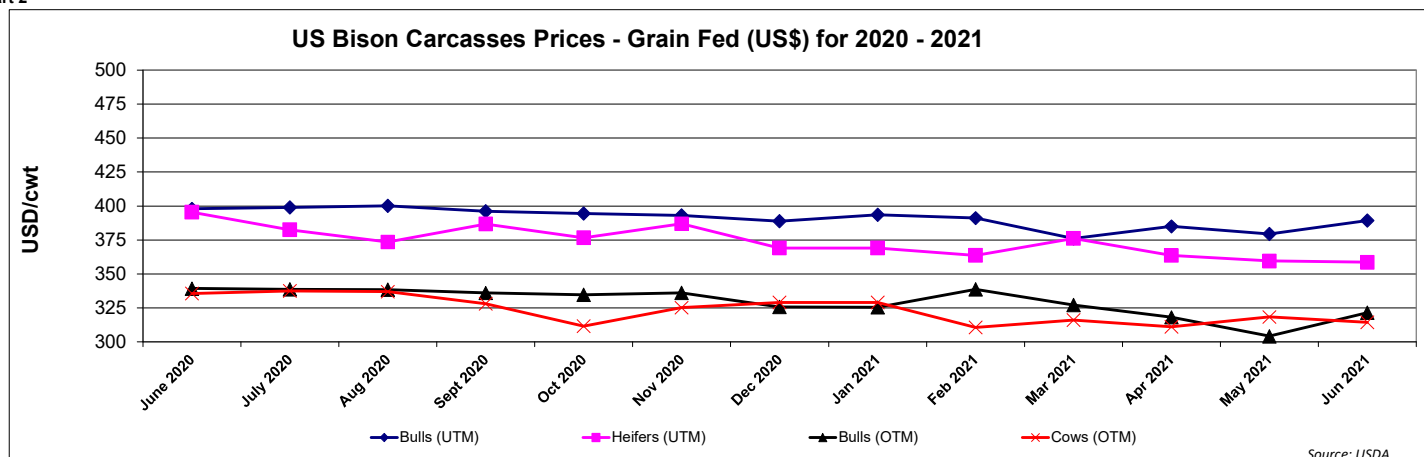


Chart 2



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

On another note, the 2016 Canadian Census of Agriculture data was released on May 10, 2017. Nationally, the number of bison farms and ranches reporting bison was at 81% of the 2011 levels. The number of bison reported on farms and ranches in 2016 was reported to be at about 95% of 2011 levels. According to the data, the average bison herd increased to 122 head.

Excluding the Atlantic region, there were declines in the number of farms and ranches ranging from 13.9% to 24.4% with the smallest decline in Saskatchewan and the greatest decline in Quebec.

Again excluding the Atlantic Region, the only province to report an increase in the number of bison was Saskatchewan (+2.7%), while Quebec reported the largest decrease (-35.4%).

	FARMS REPORTING BISON				NUMBER OF BISON REPORTED			
	2016	2011	2006	% Chg '16 vs '11	2016	2011	2006	% Chg '16 vs '11
Nfld and Labrador	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	-	0	0	*	-
Nova Scotia	2	2	1	0.0%	*	*	*	-
New Brunswick	1	2	3	-50.0%	*	*	*	-
Quebec	34	45	69	-24.4%	1,538	2,380	4,322	-35.4%
Ontario	49	60	71	-18.3%	1,843	2,320	4,106	-20.6%
Manitoba	86	108	166	-20.4%	14,025	14,116	19,609	-0.6%
Saskatchewan	303	352	597	-13.9%	40,418	39,343	57,395	2.7%
Alberta	445	571	869	-22.1%	54,907	57,483	97,366	-4.5%
British Columbia	55	71	121	-22.5%	6,504	9,206	12,656	-29.4%
Canada Total	975	1,211	1,898	-19.5%	119,314	125,142	195,728	-4.7%

* Note: In Atlantic Provinces, the number of farms reporting is too small to publically disclosure the number of bison