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*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)
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
Jul 2021	381.61	358.35	304.32	320.46
Aug 2021	390.52	358.82	307.73	309.14
Sep 2021	387.56	359.20	330.00	317.68
Oct 2021	384.82	369.87	325.85	
Nov 2021	384.61	362.80		297.87
Dec 2021	395.25	375.99	310.91	304.75
Jan 2022	390.99	367.98		285.82
Feb 2022	378.85	367.18	309.85	281.59
Mar 2022	366.81	336.62	332.14	239.27

*source USDA

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

wghtd avg

	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls	Mature Cows	For the U.S. Market	Bulls	Heifers
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
Aug 2021	400-415	390-415	225-230	220-230	Aug 2021	460-480	430-480
Sept 2021	410-415	385-415	225-230	220-230	Sept 2021	460-480	430-480
Oct 2021	410-415	390-415	225-230	220-230	Oct 2021	460-480	430-480
Nov 2021	375-415	375-415	200-230	200-230	Nov 2021	460-480	430-480
Dec 2021	375-415	375-415	200-230	200-230	Dec 2021	460-480	430-480
Jan 2022	375-415	375-415	210-230	210-230	Jan 2022	460-480	430-470
Feb 2022	375-415	360-415	200-230	200-230	Feb 2022	460-480	440-470
Mar 2022	375-415	360-415	200-230	190-230	Mar 2022	460-480	440-470
Apr 2022	375-415	365-415	200-230	185-230	Apr 2022	460-480	440-470

*source CBA survey of marketers

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

	January 2022		February 2022		March 2022		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 mnths prior	1 month prior
Ribeye Lip-On Fresh	1,278 - 1,546	1,425.22	1,371 - 1,557	1,479.79	1,335 - 1,552	1,444.45	1.3%	-2.4%
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	661 - 687	674.26	662 - 830	664.05	667 - 683	672.61	-0.2%	1.3%
Striploin Fresh	1,091 - 1,227	1,126.60	1,082 - 1,195	1,111.74	835 - 1,245	994.48	-11.7%	-10.5%
Tenderloin Fresh	1,709 - 2,399	1,925.13	1,759 - 2,408	1,950.23	1,804 - 2,409	1,943.15	0.9%	-0.4%
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	717 - 750	720.35	N/A	N/A
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	711 - 749	723.67	715 - 740	721.51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*source USDA

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

	Mid-January 2022 Pricing	Mid-February 2022 Pricing	Mid-March 2022 Pricing	Mid-April 2022 Pricing
Tenderloin - Fresh	\$35.00 - \$52.00	\$42.95 - \$52.00	\$39.95 - \$52.00	\$39.95 - \$43.95
Strip Loin Boneless - Fresh	\$25.00 - \$32.00	\$25.00 - \$32.00	\$25.00 - \$32.00	\$25.00 - \$32.00
Inside Round - Fresh	\$17.95 - \$21.90	\$17.95 - \$19.00	\$17.95 - \$19.00	\$17.95 - \$19.00
Ground 90% Bulk Fresh	\$15.95 - \$17.75	\$15.95 - \$17.75	\$15.95 - \$17.75	\$14.95 - \$17.75
Fresh Bison Trim	\$11.95 - \$14.00	\$11.95 - \$12.00	\$11.95 - \$12.00	\$11.95 - \$12.00

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

Jack Auction Group (SK) - March 26, 2022			Jack Auction Group (SK) – Video Bison Sale (March 24, 2022)				Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (SK) (March 16, 2022)		
MBA & SBA NO BORDER SHOW & SALE			Age / Sex	Quantity	Base	Price/Lb	Av/head	Head Sold: 279	Cloverleaf Bison Auction
SOLD FOR	RANKING	CONSIGNOR						Class	# of head
2020 Breeding Bull			2020 Bulls	48	1025	\$2.14	\$2,193.50		
\$8,700.00	1st Place & G.C. MALE	SILVER CREEK BISON	2020 Hfrs	46	925	\$1.89	\$1,748.25	2021 BULLS	
\$10,000.00	2nd Place	SILVER CREEK BISON	2020 Hfrs	30	775	\$1.51	\$1,170.25	550 - 650 lbs	26
\$6,400.00	3rd Place	SILVER CREEK BISON	2021 Mixed	95	720	\$1.44	\$1,036.80	450 - 549 lbs	50
\$6,400.00	4th Place	SILVER CREEK BISON	2021 Bulls	47B 48H	510	\$1.67	\$851.70	300 - 449 lbs	28
\$5,200.00	5th Place	BIRON SPIRIT BISON	2021 Bulls	58	580	\$1.87	\$1,084.60		
\$8,500.00	Honorable Mention	ROAMING K BISON	2021 Bulls	42	560	\$1.74	\$974.40	2020 BULLS	
\$5,700.00	Honorable Mention	BISON RIDGE FARMS	2021 Hfrs	51	480	\$1.40	\$672.00	700 - 775 lbs	3
\$5,600.00		BORDER PARK BISON	2021 Bulls	45	500	\$1.41	\$705.00	500 - 600 lbs	3
\$5,600.00		SHALE CREEK BISON	2021 Mixed	31B 14H	475	\$1.42	\$674.50	400 - 450 lbs	2
\$5,200.00		ROAMING K BISON	2020 Bulls	26	730	\$1.43	\$1,043.90		
\$6,000.00		ROCKY MEADOW BISON	2020 Bulls	10	765	\$1.40	\$1,071.00	2019 BULLS	
\$2,500.00		RIVERSTONE BISON	2020 Hfrs	17	675	\$1.31	\$884.25	900+ lbs	5
2020 Yearling Heifer			2021 Bulls	20	525	\$1.49	\$782.25	800 - 899 lbs	5
\$3,500.00	1st Place	SHALE CREEK BISON	2021 Hfrs	20	460	\$1.19	\$547.40		
\$2,450.00	2nd Place	BANNER BISON RANCH	2021 Mixed	58	500	\$1.41	\$705.00	BREEDING BULL	
\$2,400.00	3rd Place	BANNER BISON RANCH	2021 Mixed	50	475	\$1.28	\$608.00	1700+ lbs	1
\$3,500.00		ROCKY MEADOW BISON	2021 Bulls	42	500	\$1.36	\$680.00		
\$2,500.00		BEAR PAW BISON	2021 Mixed	15	500	\$1.54	\$770.00	2021 HEIFERS	
\$2,350.00		ROAMING K BISON	2021 Mixed	45	435	\$1.18	\$513.30	500 - 650 lbs	5
\$2,300.00		BANNER BISON RANCH	2021 Mixed	40	425	\$1.21	\$514.25	400 - 499 lbs	31
\$1,425.00		RIVERSTONE BISON	2021 Mixed	18	350	\$1.30	\$455.00	300 - 399 lbs	13
Pen of 2 Yearling Heifers			2021 Mixed	43	470	\$1.21	\$568.70		
\$5,000.00	1st Place	BEAR PAW BISON	2021 Mixed	15	420	\$0.90	\$378.00	2020 HEIFERS	
\$4,100.00	2nd Place	ROAMING K BISON	19-20 Mixed	32	400	\$0.85	\$340.00	600 - 699 lbs	6
\$2,400.00	3rd Place	RIVERSTONE BISON	Cows Exposed	9	650	\$0.45	\$292.50	500 - 599 lbs	17
Pen of 2 Bull Calves			Cows Exposed	8	1075	\$0.76	\$817.00	450 - 499 lbs	4
\$2,000.00	1st Place	SAND RIDGE BISON	Cows Exposed	8	1075	\$0.70	\$752.50		
\$2,000.00	2nd Place	SANDY LAND BISON	Cows Exposed	8	1075	\$0.70	\$752.50	MATURE BRED FEMALES	
\$2,000.00	3rd Place	SANDY LAND BISON	Cows Exposed	8	1075	\$0.70	\$752.50	1000+ lbs	15
Pen of 3 Heifer Calves			Cows Exposed	8	1075	\$0.70	\$752.50	Under 1000 lbs	20
\$3,675.00	1st Place	BISON RIDGE FARMS	Mature Bulls	6	1675	\$0.82	\$1,373.50	MATURE FEMALES, EXPOSED	
\$2,100.00	2nd Place	BORDER PARK BISON	2020 Mixed	8	700	\$0.50	\$350.00		
\$1,950.00	3rd Place	RIVERSTONE BISON	2021 Mixed	5	350	\$0.50	\$175.00	MATURE FEMALE, OPEN	
\$2,175.00		SAND RIDGE BISON	Cull Cows	14	875	\$0.35	\$306.25	700+ lbs	2

Commentary

By Terry Kremenik, Executive Director, CBA

This report can only be improved with your feedback. Please send any comments that you have to either canadianbison@sasktel.net or carmine.bianco@agr.gc.ca

Finished bison prices for slaughter in Canada continue to be stable with Canadian buyers paying \$4.00 - \$4.15/lb HHW for finished prime bulls with some sales reported lower. Heifers were selling at \$3.75 - \$4.15/lb HHW for heifers on light trading. Buyers are paying \$1.85 - \$2.30/lb HHW for mature cows and bulls.

Canadian buyers purchasing bulls for slaughter in the U.S. are paying up to CAD \$4.80/lb 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 must be adjusted for quality, transportation, exchange rates, and export costs.

For the first 14 weeks of 2022 (week ending April 9, 2022), there were 2,269 bison slaughtered in federally-inspected plants in Canada – up 20.6% over the 1,881 slaughtered during the same time period in 2021.

U.S. buyers are offering up to USD \$4.00/lb HHW for prime bulls and up to USD \$3.80/lb 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 U.S. to the end of March 2022 at 9,456 head are 24% above the 7,611 bison exported to the U.S. throughout Jan-Mar 2021.

Marketers report that inventories are building to meet the needs of the summer season. Growth in demand is expected in the European market.

In the Canadian marketplace, consumers continue to have access to fresh and frozen bison products in many of the major food chains from coast to coast. Demand in Canada is expected to increase with the marketing initiatives by bison marketers, as well as increased bison awareness and sales by farm direct marketers.

Chart 1

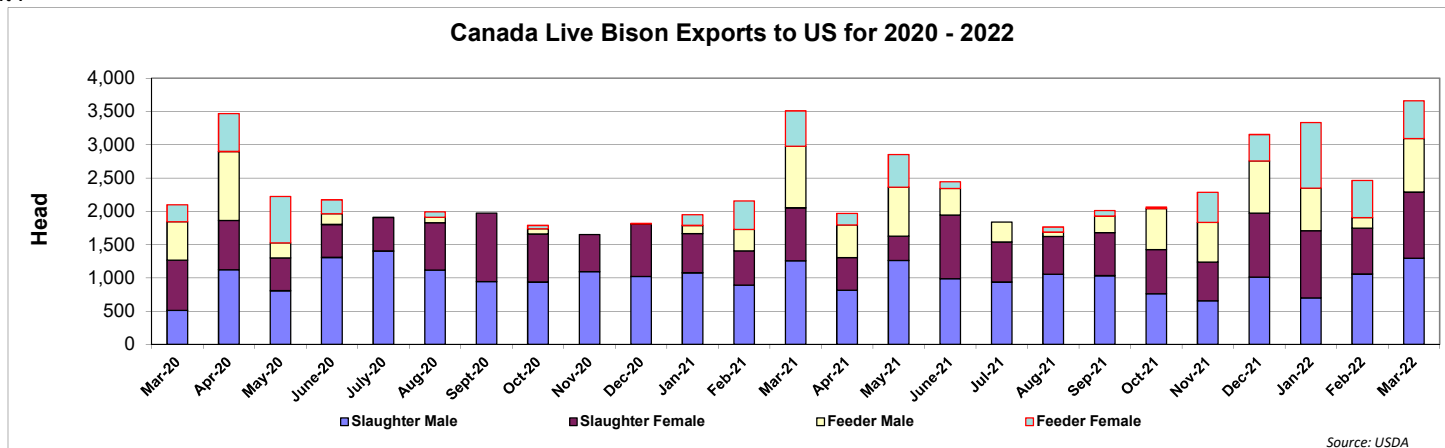
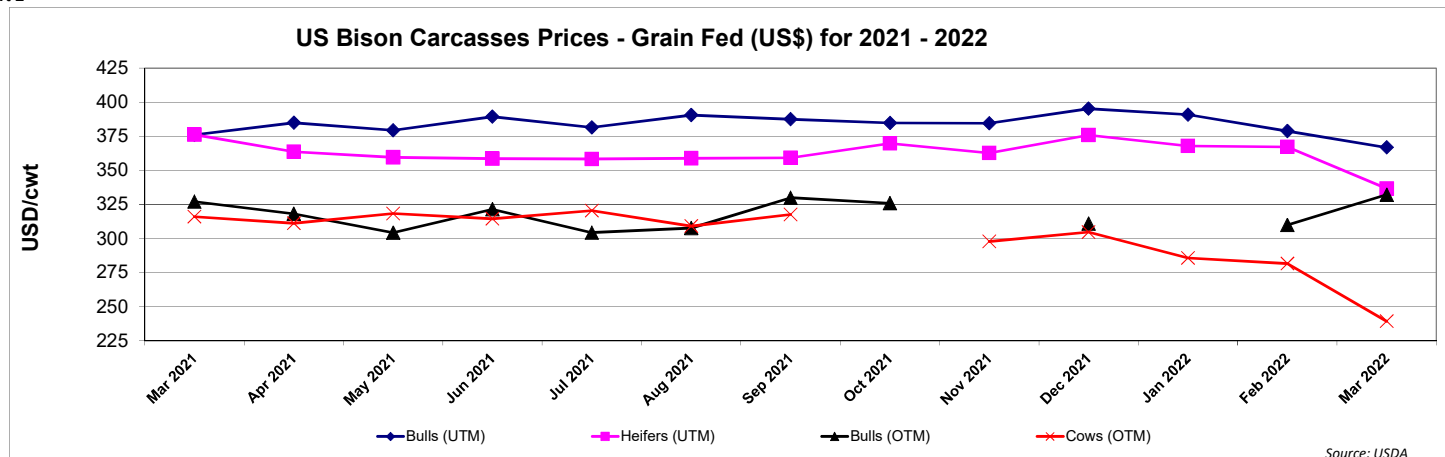


Chart 2



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