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BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Prepared by Red Meat Section/Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - September 30, 2023.

Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	August Total	January - August YTD 2023	2022	% Change
Total Canada	168	118	59	282	**627**	**4,716**	**5,645**	**-16.5%**
previous year	61	88	299	186	**634**			

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	July 2022	January - July YTD 2023	2022	% Change
BC / Alberta	131	91	64	94	102	118	742	996	-25.5%
Sask / Manitoba	54	23	30	21	63	44	276	292	-5.5%
Ontario / Quebec	22	17	46	54	42	31	236	257	-8.2%
Canada Total	**207**	**131**	**140**	**169**	**207**	**193**	**1,254**	**1,545**	**-18.8%**

	January - July YTD 2023	2022	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter	**5,343**	**6,556**	**-18.5%**

Canadian Production

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	January - July YTD 2023	2022	% Change
Total Slaughter	10,886	10,041	9,585	7,860	9,798	10,794	5,343	6,556	**-18.5%**
Total Live Exports	17,600	17,342	20,060	24,574	27,986	32,362	23,965	20,268	**18.2%**
Total Production	**28,486**	**27,383**	**29,645**	**32,434**	**37,784**	**43,156**	**29,308**	**26,824**	**9.3%**

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

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	August Total	January - August YTD 2023	2022	% Change
	1,392	**1,400**	**1,291**	**1,242**	**5,325**	**49,386**	**46,643**	**5.9%**
previous year	1,436	1,318	1,509	1,182	**5,445**			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	March 23	April 23	May 23	June 23	July 23	August 23	January - August YTD 2023	2022	% Change
Slaughter Male	968	1,065	785	1,437	1,305	1,004	8,331	8,355	**-0.3%**
Slaughter Female	1,317	1,010	1,961	913	1,378	1,004	9,546	7,203	**32.5%**
Feeder Male	362	793	953	473	497	0	4,240	3,895	**8.9%**
Feeder Female	489	786	841	533	326	61	3,917	3,957	**-1.0%**
Total	**3,136**	**3,654**	**4,540**	**3,356**	**3,506**	**2,069**	**26,034**	**23,410**	**11.2%**

**source : USDA, APHIS*

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	January - July YTD 2023	2022	% Change
United States	Kg	289	1,041	19,752	3,579	896	609	**27,309**	**130,783**	**-79.1%**
	Value ($Cdn)	11,780	38,407	278,149	22,471	26,051	22,614	**436,777**	**1,512,939**	**-71.1%**
Netherlands	Kg	1,961	7,614	4,896	7,700	4,646	7,385	**36,007**	**38,858**	**-7.3%**
	Value ($Cdn)	71,616	178,387	147,096	239,791	137,794	247,027	**1,082,410**	**999,077**	**8.3%**
Switzerland	Kg	414	312	691	-	-	-	**1,958**	**14,761**	**-86.7%**
	Value ($Cdn)	18,884	13,368	28,955	-	-	-	**85,281**	**397,608**	**-78.6%**
Italy	Kg	262	665	207	2,296	1,565	400	**6,768**	**7,284**	**-7.1%**
	Value ($Cdn)	10,594	18,020	8,942	92,468	42,751	16,111	**248,605**	**192,709**	**29.0%**
France	Kg	-	3,819	-	1,509	-	3,386	**9,399**	**3,073**	**205.9%**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	97,570	-	43,000	-	79,011	**235,938**	**58,399**	**304.0%**
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	**-**	**-**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	**-**	**-**
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	-	-	1,331	-	**1,331**	**-**	**-**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	-	-	37,920	-	**37,920**	**-**	**-**
Other Countries	Kg	-	-	683	-	-	745	**1,428**	**-**	**-**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	23,015	-	-	16,196	**39,211**	**-**	**-**
Total	**Kg**	**2,926**	**13,451**	**26,229**	**15,084**	**8,438**	**12,525**	**84,200**	**194,759**	**-56.8%**
	Value ($Cdn)	**112,874**	**345,752**	**486,157**	**397,730**	**244,516**	**380,959**	**2,166,142**	**3,160,732**	**-31.5%**

Bone-in		February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	January - July YTD 2023	2022	% Change
Total	**Kg**	**319**	**1,907**	**340**	**2,449**	**19,102**	**18,681**	**44,993**	**32,658**	**37.8%**
	Value ($Cdn)	**3,352**	**43,525**	**7,511**	**33,591**	**244,542**	**243,162**	**612,568**	**574,244**	**6.7%**

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in		February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	January - July YTD 2023	2022	% Change
	Kg	**3,245**	**15,358**	**26,569**	**17,533**	**27,540**	**31,206**	**129,193**	**227,417**	**-43.2%**
	Value ($Cdn)	**116,226**	**389,277**	**493,668**	**431,321**	**489,058**	**624,121**	**2,778,710**	**3,734,976**	**-25.6%**

**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

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	Bulls (UTM)	Heifers (UTM)	Bulls (OTM)	Cows (OTM)
Aug 2022	375.30	358.77		
Sep 2022	378.06	361.38		292.87
Oct 2022	380.28	359.37		294.13
Nov 2022	379.05	361.22	309.58	288.18
Dec 2022	386.82	358.59		285.97
Jan 2023	387.98	367.47		290.16
Feb 2023	399.12	365.89		293.09
Mar 2023	397.00	366.19		295.08
Apr 2023	397.86	367.55		298.49
May 2023	389.92	370.67		301.50
Jun 2023	400.20	365.57	313.38	308.37
Jul 2023	390.00	368.90	313.26	309.79
Aug 2023	394.75	363.83		

**source USDA*

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

wghtd avg

	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls	Mature Cows
Sept 2022	400 – 425	400 – 425	230 – 250	230 – 250
Oct 2022	400 – 425	400 – 425	230 – 250	230 – 250
Nov 2022	390 – 420	380 – 420	200 – 230	200 – 230
Dec 2022	380 – 420	370 – 410	200 – 230	200 – 230
Jan 2023	390 – 415	380 – 400	200 – 230	200 – 230
Feb 2023	400 – 430	390 – 420	200 – 230	200 – 230
Mar 2023	410 – 450	390 – 450	200 – 240	200 – 240
Apr 2023	430 – 460	420 – 450	230 – 260	230 – 260
May 2023	430 - 500	420 - 480	200 - 320	200 - 320
Jun 2023	450 - 500	440 - 500	200 - 320	200 - 320
Jul 2023	460 - 500	450 - 490	250 - 350	250 - 320
Aug 2023	430 - 490	430 - 480	275 - 350	240 - 300
Sept 2023	400 - 490	390 - 450	290 - 350	225 - 290

For the U.S. Market

	Bulls	Heifers
Sept 2022	460 – 480	450 – 470
Oct 2022	460 – 480	450 – 470
Nov 2022	460 – 495	450 – 470
Dec 2022	465 – 510	435 – 470
Jan 2023	495 – 515	470 – 490
Feb 2023	495 – 524	472 – 491
Mar 2023	497 – 540	475 – 488
Apr 2023	497 – 540	475 – 488
May 2023	514 - 532	455 - 496
Jun 2023	485 - 554	475 - 502
Jul 2023	495 - 540	480 – 495
Aug 2023	485 - 550	460 - 520
Sept 2023	485 - 550	460 - 515

**source CBA survey of marketers*

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

	June 2023		July 2023		August 2023		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 mnths prior	1 month prior
Ribeye Lip-On Fresh	1,319 - 1,656	1,450.53	1,286 - 1,686	1,415.83	1,321 - 1,694	1,413.90	-2.5%	-0.1%
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	678 - 830	722.42	662 - 830	671.08	672 - 761	718.07	-0.6%	7.0%
Striploin Fresh	1,168 - 1,326	1,241.64	1,134 - 1,317	1,188.18	1,029 - 1,400	1,110.29	-10.6%	-6.6%
Tenderloin Fresh	1,849 - 2,261	1,980.63	1,829 - 2,258	1,973.22	1,859 - 2,178	1,975.33	-0.3%	0.1%
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	717 - 760	742.14	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	692 - 705	697.95	749 - 770	759.15	714 - 723	716.26	2.6%	-5.6%

**source USDA*

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

	Mid-June 2023 Pricing	Mid-July 2023 Pricing	Mid-August 2023 Pricing	Mid-September 2023 Pricing
Tenderloin	$38.00 – 55.00	$40.00 – 55.00	$38.00 – 55.00	$38.00 – 55.00
Striploin	$29.00 – 32.00	$29.00 – 32.00	$30.00 – 32.00	$29.00 – 32.00
Ribeye	$32.00 - $35.00	$32.00 - $35.00	$32.00 - $35.00	$32.00 - $35.00
Top sirloin	$19.95 - $23.00	$19.95 - $23.00	$19.95 - $23.00	$19.95 - $23.00
Inside round	$18.00 - $21.00	$17.95 - $21.00	$18.00 - $22.00	$18.00 - $21.00
Trim 90%	$11.95 - $14.00	$11.25 - $13.00	$11.95 - $14.00	$11.95 - $14.00
Trim 60%	$7.00 - $12.00	$6.95 - $12.00	$7.00 - $12.00	$7.00 - $12.00
Ground - lean	$15.50 - $16.00	$15.50 - $16.00	$15.50 - $16.00	$15.50 - $16.00

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

Jack Auction Group (SK) - September 13, 2023
Video Bison Sale

Lot / #	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.
1 / 10	2021 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.63
2 / 34	2021 Heifers	M - Ex Wood X	$2.40
3 / 62	2022 Heifers	M - Ex Plains	Passed
4 / 11	Fall 2021 4B & 7H	M - Ex Plains	$2.37
5 / 25	19 - 22 Mixed Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.12

Note: "M - Ex" = Medium to Excellent quality

Jack Auction Group (SK) - August 9, 2023
Video Bison Sale

Lot / #	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.
1 / 36	2021 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.70
2a / 53	2021 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.94
2b / 53	2021 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.94
2c / 61	2021 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.94
3 / 43	2021 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.82
4a / 52	2021 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.48
4b / 58	2021 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.48
4c / 61	2021 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.46
4d / 62	2021 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.46
5a / 23	2021 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.39
5b / 64	2021 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.29
6 / 64	2022 Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.69
7 / 93	2022 Hfrs	M - Ex Wood X	$2.41
8 / 37	2022 Bulls	M - Ex Plains	$2.70
9 / 31	2022 Hfrs	M - Ex Plains	$2.02
10 / 12	0TM Bulls	M - Ex Wood X	$2.14

Note: "M - Ex" = Medium to Excellent quality

Jack Auction Group (SK) - June 21, 2023
Video Bison Sale **Total: 174 head**

Qty / Age Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.
20 / 2022 Bulls	V.Good Plains	$2.74
9 / 2022 Heifers	V.Good Plains	$2.34
60 / 2022 Bulls	Average Cross	$2.59
72 / 2022 Heifers	Average Cross	$2.28
6 / 2022 Mixed	Good Cross	$2.15
7 / Cull Cows	Average Cross	$1.50

Commentary

By Carl Flis, Executive Director, CBA

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Chart 1

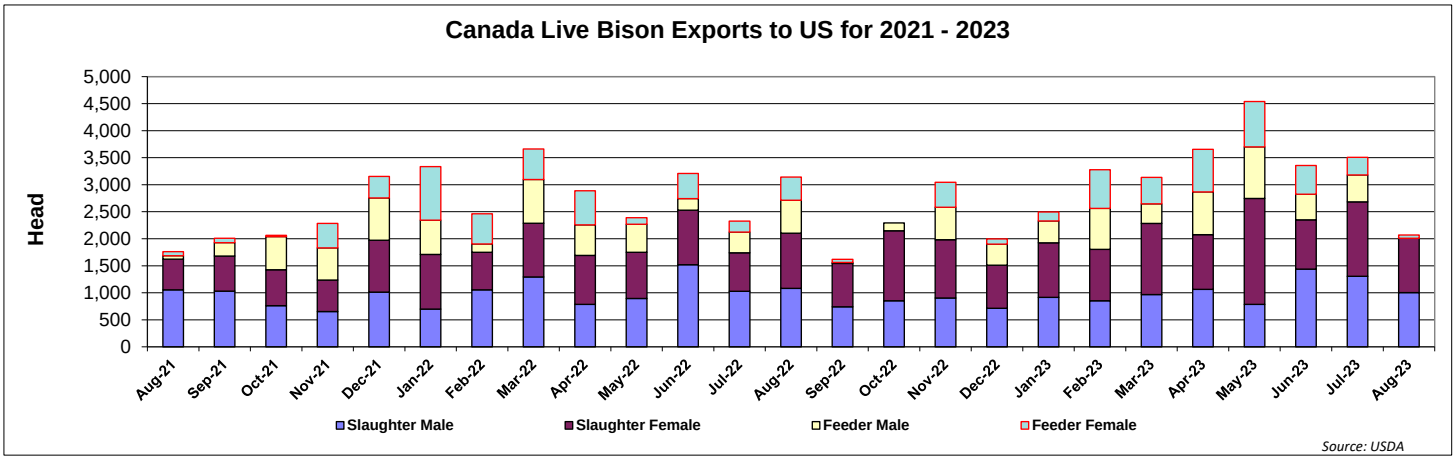
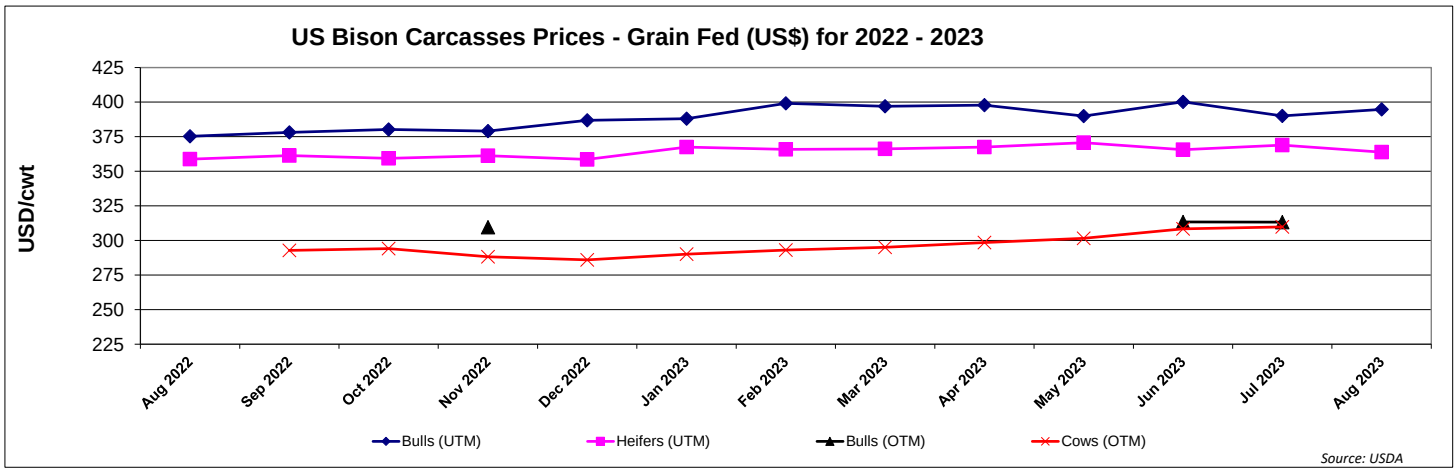


Chart 2



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

On another note, the 2021 Canadian Census of Agriculture data was released on May 11, 2022. Nationally, the number of bison farms and ranches reporting bison was up 1.4% from 2016 levels. The number of bison on farms and ranches in 2021 was reported to have increased by over 25% within the past five years. According to the data, the average bison herd size increased to 151 head (from 122 head in 2016).

The number of farms and ranches held relatively steady since 2016 (up by 14 farms); some provinces reported increases (Ontario and Alberta both up by 6.1%) and some reported declines (Quebec down by 23.5% and British Columbia down 12.7%)

Excluding the Atlantic Region, the only province to report a decrease in the number of bison was Manitoba (-16.4%), while British Columbia reported the most significant increase (+128.9%); more than doubling the 2016 provincial herd size.

	FARMS REPORTING BISON					NUMBER OF BISON REPORTED				
	2021	2016	2011	2006	%Chg '21 vs '16	2021	2016	2011	2006	%Chg '21 vs '16
Nfld and Labrador	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	0	*	-
Nova Scotia	1	2	2	1	-50.0%	*	*	*	*	-
New Brunswick	0	1	2	3	-100.0%	0	*	*	*	-
Quebec	26	34	45	69	-23.5%	1,682	1,538	2,380	4,322	9.4%
Ontario	52	49	60	71	6.1%	2,974	1,843	2,320	4,106	61.4%
Manitoba	82	86	108	166	-4.7%	11,725	14,025	14,116	19,609	-16.4%
Saskatchewan	308	303	352	597	1.7%	52,860	40,418	39,343	57,395	30.8%
Alberta	472	445	571	869	6.1%	65,405	54,907	57,483	97,366	19.1%
British Columbia	48	55	71	121	-12.7%	14,888	6,504	9,206	12,656	128.9%
Canada Total	**989**	**975**	**1,211**	**1,898**	**1.4%**	**149,539**	**119,314**	**125,142**	**195,728**	**25.3%**

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