



BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

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

Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	October Total	January - October YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	% Change
Total Canada	118	98	81	166	463	5,937	6,980	-14.9%
<i>previous year</i>	183	90	288	87	648			

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	September 2022	January - September YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2023	2022	% Change
BC / Alberta	64	94	94	73	117	133	924	1,269	-27.2%
Sask / Manitoba	30	21	63	26	43	42	345	388	-11.1%
Ontario / Quebec	46	54	47	38	33	67	312	365	-14.5%
Canada Total	140	169	204	137	193	242	1,581	2,022	-21.8%

	January - September YTD		
	2023	2022	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter	7,055	8,354	-15.5%

Canadian Production

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	January - September YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	% Change
Total Slaughter	10,886	10,041	9,585	7,860	9,798	10,794	7,055	8,354	-15.5%
Total Live Exports	17,600	17,342	20,060	24,574	27,986	32,362	29,120	25,030	16.3%
Total Production	28,486	27,383	29,645	32,434	37,784	43,156	36,175	33,384	8.4%

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

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	October Total	January - October YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	% Change
	1,398	1,298	1,487	1,522	5,705	61,578	58,754	4.8%
<i>previous year</i>	1,278	1,466	1,453	1,501	5,698			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	May 23	June 23	July 23	August 23	September 23	October 23	January - October YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	% Change
Slaughter Male	785	1,437	1,305	1,004	1,023	1,036	10,390	9,948	4.4%
Slaughter Female	1,961	913	1,378	1,004	1,502	1,018	12,066	9,301	29.7%
Feeder Male	953	473	497	0	226	580	5,046	4,057	24.4%
Feeder Female	841	533	326	61	335	386	4,638	4,016	15.5%
Total	4,540	3,356	3,506	2,069	3,086	3,020	32,140	27,322	17.6%

*source : USDA, APHIS

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	January - September YTD		
								2023	2022	% Change
United States	Kg	19,752	3,579	896	609	178	924	28,411	145,595	-80.5%
	Value (\$Cdn)	278,149	22,471	26,051	22,614	8,066	37,293	482,136	1,599,981	-69.9%
Netherlands	Kg	4,896	7,700	4,646	7,385	7,917	8,631	52,555	60,903	-13.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	147,096	239,791	137,794	247,027	249,537	229,403	1,561,350	1,511,432	3.3%
Switzerland	Kg	691	-	-	-	-	-	1,958	15,915	-87.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	28,955	-	-	-	-	-	85,281	450,596	-81.1%
Italy	Kg	207	2,296	1,565	400	508	1,367	8,643	8,103	6.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	8,942	92,468	42,751	16,111	21,258	48,568	318,431	221,032	44.1%
France	Kg	-	1,509	-	3,386	470	-	9,869	4,188	135.6%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	43,000	-	79,011	14,072	-	250,010	80,129	212.0%
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	1,331	-	-	-	1,331	517	157.4%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	37,920	-	-	-	37,920	18,493	105.1%
Other Countries	Kg	683	-	-	745	-	-	1,428	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	23,015	-	-	16,196	-	-	39,211	-	-
Total	Kg	26,229	15,084	8,438	12,525	9,073	10,922	104,195	235,221	-55.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	486,157	397,730	244,516	380,959	292,933	315,264	2,774,339	3,881,663	-28.5%

Bone-in

	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	January - September YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	% Change
Total	340	2,449	19,102	18,681	32,837	6,725	84,555	32,794	157.8%
Value (\$Cdn)	7,511	33,591	244,542	243,162	483,933	77,195	1,173,696	575,667	103.9%

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	January - September YTD		
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	% Change
Kg	26,569	17,533	27,540	31,206	41,910	17,647	188,750	268,015	-29.6%
Value (\$Cdn)	493,668	431,321	489,058	624,121	776,866	392,459	3,948,035	4,457,330	-11.4%

*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)
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		
Sep 2023	393.80	367.30		326.11
Oct 2023	409.60	368.86	324.31	306.46

**source USDA*

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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
Nov 2022	390 - 420	380 - 420	200 - 230	200 - 230	Nov 2022	460 - 495	450 - 470
Dec 2022	380 - 420	370 - 410	200 - 230	200 - 230	Dec 2022	465 - 510	435 - 470
Jan 2023	390 - 415	380 - 400	200 - 230	200 - 230	Jan 2023	495 - 515	470 - 490
Feb 2023	400 - 430	390 - 420	200 - 230	200 - 230	Feb 2023	495 - 524	472 - 491
Mar 2023	410 - 450	390 - 450	200 - 240	200 - 240	Mar 2023	497 - 540	475 - 488
Apr 2023	430 - 460	420 - 450	230 - 260	230 - 260	Apr 2023	497 - 540	475 - 488
May 2023	430 - 500	420 - 480	200 - 320	200 - 320	May 2023	514 - 532	455 - 496
Jun 2023	450 - 500	440 - 500	200 - 320	200 - 320	Jun 2023	485 - 554	475 - 502
Jul 2023	460 - 500	450 - 490	250 - 350	250 - 320	Jul 2023	495 - 540	480 - 495
Aug 2023	430 - 490	430 - 480	275 - 350	240 - 300	Aug 2023	485 - 550	460 - 520
Sept 2023	400 - 490	390 - 450	290 - 350	225 - 290	Sept 2023	485 - 550	460 - 515
Oct 2023	400 - 490	390 - 450	320 - 370	210 - 250	Oct 2023	490 - 560	475 - 525
Nov 2023	470 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 300	280 - 300	Nov 2023	510 - 560	460 - 525

**source CBA survey of marketers*

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

	August 2023		September 2023		October 2023		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 mths prior	1 month prior
Ribeye Lip-On Fresh	1,321 - 1,694	1,413.90	1,339 - 1,703	1,439.00	1,315 - 1,703	1,462.32	3.4%	1.6%
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	672 - 761	718.07	678 - 920	687.71	684 - 897	722.27	0.6%	5.0%
Striploin Fresh	1,029 - 1,400	1,110.29	995 - 1,400	1,055.38	1,079 - 1,400	1,153.05	3.9%	9.3%
Tenderloin Fresh	1,859 - 2,178	1,975.33	1,869 - 2,493	2,156.92	1,822 - 2,774	1,992.68	0.9%	-7.6%
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	717 - 760	742.14	693 - 727	712.41	695 - 731	719.00	-3.1%	0.9%
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	714 - 723	716.26	733 - 735	733.96	697 - 745	727.38	1.6%	-0.9%

**source USDA*

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

	Mid-August 2023 Pricing	Mid-September 2023 Pricing	Mid-October 2023 Pricing	Mid-November 2023 Pricing
Tenderloin	\$38.00 - 55.00	\$38.00 - 55.00	\$40.00 - 55.00	\$50.00 - 65.00
Striploin	\$30.00 - 32.00	\$29.00 - 32.00	\$29.00 - 32.00	\$30.00 - 33.00
Ribeye	\$32.00 - 35.00	\$32.00 - 35.00	\$32.00 - 35.00	\$35.00 - 48.00
Top sirloin	\$19.95 - \$23.00	\$19.95 - \$23.00	\$19.95 - \$23.00	\$23.00 - \$28.00
Inside round	\$18.00 - \$22.00	\$18.00 - \$21.00	\$17.95 - \$21.00	\$21.00 - \$29.00
Trim 90%	\$11.95 - \$14.00	\$11.95 - \$14.00	\$11.25 - \$13.00	\$12.00 - \$14.00
Trim 60%	\$7.00 - \$12.00	\$7.00 - \$12.00	\$6.95 - \$12.00	\$9.00 - \$12.00
Ground - lean	\$15.50 - \$16.00	\$15.50 - \$16.00	\$15.50 - \$16.00	\$16.00 - \$18.00

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

2023 CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW & SALE - November 21, 2023

Jack Auction Group (SK)

WILDCARD BULL CHOICE

GRAND CHAMPION MALE ROAMING K	\$8,500
RESERVE CHAMPION M/ SHALE CREEK	\$6,750

WILDCARD FEMALE CHOICE

GRAND CHAMPION FEM/ BIG COUNTRY	\$4,200
RESERVE CHAMPION FE RJ GAME FARM	\$3,400

2021 BULLS PLACING PRICE

SHALE CREEK	1 - RC	\$6,750
ROAMING K	2	\$6,750
SILVER CREEK	3	\$4,750
BIG COUNTRY	4	\$4,500
JT BISON CO.	5	\$4,500

2022 BULLS PLACING PRICE

ROAMING K	1 - GC	\$8,500
BEAR PAW	2	\$4,750
SHALE CREEK	3	\$3,750
BISON RIDGE	4	\$4,500
SILVER CREEK	5	\$4,750
SHALE CREEK		\$3,500
ROAMING K		\$6,000
SILVER CREEK	WILDCARD	\$11,000
BANNER BISON		\$3,500
IRISH CREEK		\$4,250
RJ GAME FARM		\$5,750

2021 BRED HEIFE PLACING PRICE

BIG COUNTRY	1 - GC	\$4,200
ROAMING K	2	\$3,500
SILVER CREEK	3	\$4,000
SUMMERCOVE	4	\$3,400
SUMMERCOVE	5	\$3,400
ROAMING K		\$3,500
BEAR PAW	WILDCARD	\$4,700

PEN of 2 - 2021 Bf PLACING PRICE

SILVER CREEK	1	\$4,000
BEAR PAW	2	\$4,000
IRISH CREEK	3	\$3,750
ROAMING K	4	\$3,550

2022 OPEN HEIFE PLACING PRICE

RJ GAME FARM	1 - RC	\$3,400
BIG COUNTRY	2	\$2,500
SHALE CREEK	3	\$2,300
BANNER BISON	4	\$2,500
BIG COUNTRY	5	\$2,500

PEN of 2 - 2022 OI PLACING PRICE

SHALE CREEK	1	\$2,400
BANNER BISON	2	\$2,700
RJ GAME FARM	3	\$2,400
BISON RIDGE	4	\$2,500

SALE	GROSS	\$178,000
44 HEAD	AVG	\$4,045

Jack Auction Group (SK) - November 8, 2023

Video Bison Sale

Qty.	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.
27	2022 Bulls	Medium Wood X	\$2.20
27	2022 Bulls	Medium Plains	\$1.66
80	Aged Cows	Good Plains	
39	Cull Cows	Good Wood X	\$1.40
5	Cull Bulls	Good Wood X	\$1.05
28	Mixed Calves	Medium Wood X	\$2.00
18	Cull Cows	Good Plains	\$1.40
30	Cull Cows	Good Wood X	\$1.46
8	2021 Mixed	Good Plains	\$2.25
10	2022 Mixed	Medium Plains	\$2.00
13	Cull Cows	Good Plains	\$1.50
6	Mixed Calves	Medium Plains	\$2.15

Commentary

By Carl Flis, Executive Director, CBA

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Chart 1

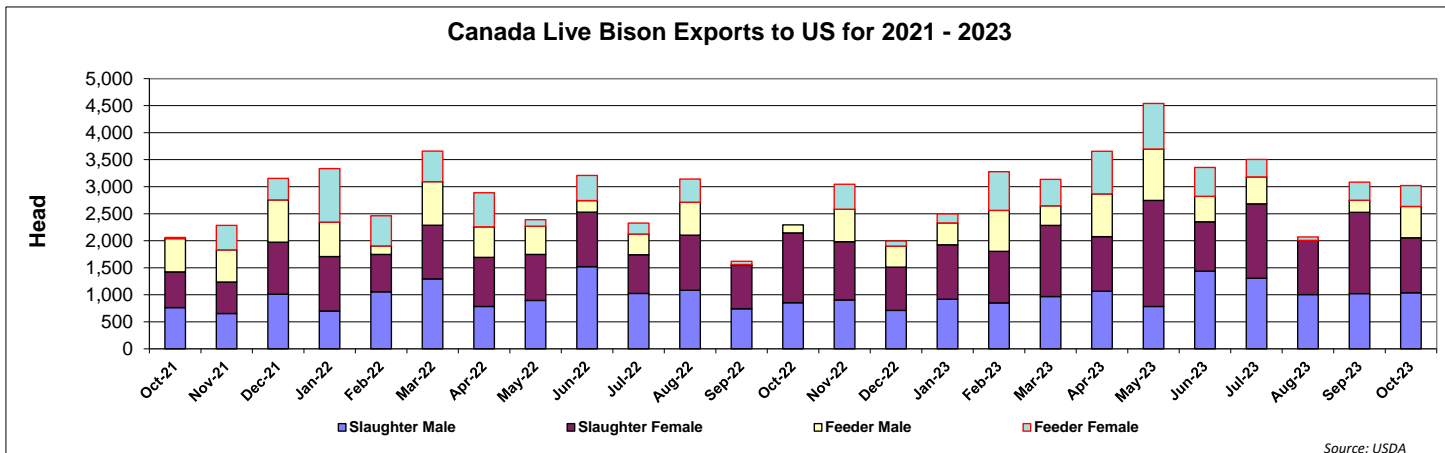
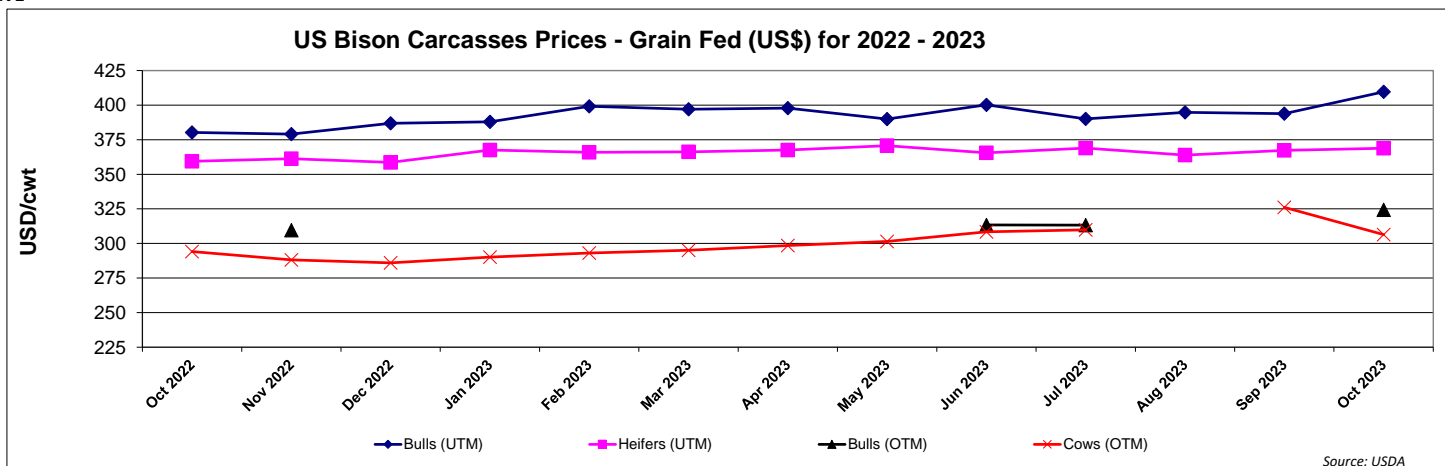


Chart 2



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 disclose the number of bison