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BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Prepared by Red Meat Section/Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - August 29, 2024.

Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	6 - July	13 - July	20 - July	27 - July	July Total	January - July YTD 2024	2023	% Change
Total Canada	117	141	135	184	**577**	**4,319**	**4,089**	**5.6%**
previous year	96	55	138	104	**393**			

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	June 2023	January - June YTD 2024	2023	% Change
BC / Alberta	137	100	103	91	93	104	431	675	-36.1%
Sask / Manitoba	42	43	34	45	46	21	164	192	-14.6%
Ontario / Quebec	38	33	43	34	36	54	148	140	5.7%
Canada Total	**217**	**176**	**180**	**170**	**175**	**179**	**743**	**1,007**	**-26.2%**

	January - June YTD 2024	2023	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter	**4,485**	**4,703**	**-4.6%**

Canadian Production

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	January - June YTD 2024	2023	% Change
Total Slaughter	10,041	9,585	7,860	9,798	10,794	9,661	4,485	4,703	**-4.6%**
Total Live Exports	17,342	20,060	24,574	27,986	32,362	39,170	20,400	20,459	**-0.3%**
Total Production	**27,383**	**29,645**	**32,434**	**37,784**	**43,156**	**48,831**	**24,885**	**25,162**	**-1.1%**

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

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	6 - July	13 - July	20 - July	27 - July	July Total	January - July YTD 2024	2023	% Change
	1,240	**1,331**	**1,618**	**1,316**	**5,505**	**45,968**	**44,061**	**4.3%**
previous year	1,414	1,015	1,459	1,527	**5,415**			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	February 24	March 24	April 24	May 24	June 24	July 24	January - July YTD 2024	2023	% Change
Slaughter Male	860	638	1,196	1,314	1,062	1,049	7,114	7,327	**-2.9%**
Slaughter Female	1,612	1,354	852	1,445	857	1,110	8,497	8,542	**-0.5%**
Feeder Male	997	472	868	564	285	187	3,968	4,240	**-6.4%**
Feeder Female	502	600	947	273	324	103	3,270	3,856	**-15.2%**
Total	**3,971**	**3,064**	**3,863**	**3,596**	**2,528**	**2,449**	**22,849**	**23,965**	**-4.7%**

**source : USDA, APHIS*

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	January - June YTD 2024	2023	% Change
United States	Kg	916	939	427	821	850	448	**4,401**	**26,700**	**-83.5%**
	Value ($Cdn)	25,133	36,182	12,282	34,229	33,462	16,554	**157,842**	**414,163**	**-61.9%**
Netherlands	Kg	6,244	2,591	7,940	14,104	6,665	7,006	**44,550**	**28,622**	**55.6%**
	Value ($Cdn)	226,003	104,077	265,724	455,493	215,635	249,768	**1,516,700**	**835,383**	**81.6%**
Switzerland	Kg	-	-	1,270	1,171	837	-	**3,278**	**1,958**	**67.4%**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	36,184	56,191	34,673	-	**127,048**	**85,281**	**49.0%**
Italy	Kg	-	-	-	1,689	6,162	-	**7,851**	**6,368**	**23.3%**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	-	51,805	179,986	-	**231,791**	**232,494**	**-0.3%**
France	Kg	358	-	-	-	-	-	**358**	**6,013**	**-94.0%**
	Value ($Cdn)	10,116	-	-	-	-	-	**10,116**	**156,927**	**-93.6%**
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	**1,331**	**-100.0%**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	**37,920**	**-100.0%**
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	**-**	**-**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	**-**	**-**
Other Countries	Kg	-	-	-	-	1,562	-	**1,562**	**683**	**128.7%**
	Value ($Cdn)	-	-	-	-	34,337	-	**34,337**	**23,015**	**49.2%**
Total	**Kg**	**7,518**	**3,530**	**9,637**	**17,785**	**16,076**	**7,454**	**62,000**	**71,675**	**-13.5%**
	Value ($Cdn)	**261,252**	**140,259**	**314,190**	**597,718**	**498,093**	**266,322**	**2,077,834**	**1,785,183**	**16.4%**

Bone-in		January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	January - June YTD 2024	2023	% Change
Total	**Kg**	**17,532**	**28,260**	**35,381**	**33,775**	**11,097**	**3,472**	**129,517**	**26,312**	**392.2%**
	Value ($Cdn)	**341,097**	**371,482**	**534,575**	**750,332**	**208,328**	**36,453**	**2,242,267**	**369,406**	**507.0%**

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in		January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	January - June YTD 2024	2023	% Change
	Kg	**25,050**	**31,790**	**45,018**	**51,560**	**27,173**	**2,596**	**191,517**	**97,987**	**95.5%**
	Value ($Cdn)	**602,349**	**511,741**	**848,765**	**1,348,050**	**706,421**	**8,026,798**	**4,320,101**	**2,154,589**	**100.5%**

**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

Unclassified / Non classifié

	Bulls (UTM)	Heifers (UTM)	Bulls (OTM)	Cows (OTM)
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
Nov 2023	408.88	366.94	329.05	303.57
Dec 2023	398.08	373.53		309.08
Jan 2024	400.32	371.88	328.74	314.43
Feb 2024	397.80	379.65		307.18
Mar 2024	397.45	388.82	326.73	299.97
Apr 2024	400.29	383.75	327.02	322.65
May 2024	425.80	399.32		329.11
Jun 2024	427.03	404.81		
Jul 2024	438.78	411.50	323.60	

**source USDA*

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

wghtd avg

	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls*	Mature Cows*
Aug 2023	430 - 490	430 - 480	275 - 350	240 - 300
Sept 2023	400 - 490	390 - 450	290 - 350	225 - 290
Oct 2023	400 - 490	390 - 450	320 - 370	210 - 250
Nov 2023	470 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 300	280 - 300
Dec 2023	480 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 380	275 - 300
Jan 2024	475 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 380	275 - 300
Feb 2024	475 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 380	275 - 300
Mar 2024	485 - 510	465 - 510		
Apr 2024	485 - 510	475 - 510		
May 2024	500 - 525	495 - 510		
Jun 2024	515 - 535	500 - 515		
Jul 2024	525-550	500-525		
Aug 2024	525-550	500-525		

**source CBA survey of marketers*

*** over 30 months of age**

For the U.S. Market

	Bulls**	Heifers**
Aug 2023	485 - 550	460 - 520
Sept 2023	485 - 550	460 - 515
Oct 2023	490 - 560	475 - 525
Nov 2023	510 - 560	460 - 525
Dec 2023	485 - 555	480 - 520
Jan 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
Feb 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
Mar 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
Apr 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
May 2024	510 - 555	500 - 520
Jun 2024	510 - 555	500 - 520
July 2024	525 - 565	515 - 525
Aug 2024	525 - 565	520 - 525

**** Net to producer must be adjusted for transaction and shipping costs.**

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

	May 2024		June 2024		August 2024		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 mnths prior	1 month prior
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	620 - 955	720.65	620 - 935	738.87	620 - 955	736.59	2.2%	-0.3%
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	1,225 - 2,051	1,563.14	1,245 - 2,000	1,592.91	1,242 - 2,186	1,603.40	2.6%	0.7%
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	970 - 1,500	1,178.51	875 - 1,740	1,149.57	870 - 1,500	1,079.54	-8.4%	-6.1%
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	1,900 - 3,500	2,479.89	1,800 - 3,500	2,431.62	1,950 - 3,525	2,506.13	1.1%	3.1%
Bison Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	536 - 746	562.61	550 - 744	614.33	495 - 744	667.08	18.6%	8.6%
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	648 - 938	766.49	648 - 938	739.87	648 - 938	728.37	-5.0%	-1.6%
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	626 - 941	749.23	638 - 941	730.19	600 - 941	726.68	-3.0%	-0.5%

**source USDA*

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

	Mid-May 2024 Pricing	Mid-June 2024 Pricing	Mid-July 2024 Pricing	Mid-August 2024 Pricing
Tenderloin	$70.00 - $78.00	$70.00 - $78.00	$75.00 - $80.00	$75.00 - $80.00
Striploin	$42.00 - $47.00	$42.00 - $47.00	$42.00 - $47.00	$42.00 - $47.00
Ribeye	$42.00 - $49.00	$42.00 - $49.00	$42.00 - $49.00	$42.00 - $49.00
Top sirloin	$29.00 - $32.00	$29.00 - $32.00	$29.00 - $32.00	$29.00 - $32.00
Inside round	$29.00 - $32.00	$32.00 - $34.00	$30.00 - $34.00	$30.00 - $34.00
Trim 90%	$16.00 - $17.00	$17.00 - $18.00	$17.00 - $18.00	$17.00 - $18.00
Trim 60%	$12.00 - $14.00	$13.00 - $14.00	$13.00 - $14.50	$13.50 - $14.50
Ground - lean	$19.00 - $21.00	$20.00 - $22.00	$22.00 - $24.00	$22.00 - $24.00

**source CBA survey of marketers*

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

Jack Auction Group (SK) - December 7, 2023
Video Bison Sale

Qty.	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.
9	2021 Bred	Heifers Wood X	$3,500 (avg/head)
51	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$2.51
55	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$2.70
63	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$2.66
16	2022 Bulls	V. Good Plains	$2.42
60	2022 Bulls	V.Good Wood X	$2.76
71	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$2.67
68	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$2.48
17	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$2.49
10	2022 Heifers	V. Good Plains	$1.90
57	2022 Heifers	V. Good Wood X	$2.03
138	2022 Heifers	V. Good Wood X	$1.95
23	2022 Heifers	Good Plains	$1.68
44	2021 Mixed	Good Wood X	$2.25
76	2023 Bulls	Light Wood X	$2.14
58	2023 Heifers	Light Wood X	$1.82
80	2022/23 Mixed	Medium Wood X	$1.60
42	Young Cows	V. Good Wood X	$1.86
13	Young Cows	V. Good Wood X	$1.88
17	Open Cows	V. Good Wood X	$1.63
4	Hunt Bulls	V. Good Wood X	$1.65

2023 CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW & SALE - November 21, 2023
Jack Auction Group (SK)

WILDCARD BULL CHOICE		
GRAND CHAMPIO	ROAMING K	$8,500
RESERVE CHAMF	SHALE CREEK	$6,750

WILDCARD FEMALE CHOICE		
GRAND CHAMPIO	BIG COUNTRY	$4,200
RESERVE CHAMF	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 HEI	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	PLACING	PRICE
SILVER CREEK	1	$4,000
BEAR PAW	2	$4,000
IRISH CREEK	3	$3,750
ROAMING K	4	$3,550

2022 OPEN HEI	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	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

Commentary

By Executive Director, CBA

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Bison Marketplace – July 2024

From January 1, 2024, to August 10, 2024, 4,663 head of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 6.6% higher than the 4,375 head slaughtered for the same period in 2023. In the US, as of June 29, 2024, 40,463 bison were slaughtered, 4.9% above the 38,562 head slaughtered in 2023 for the same period.

The prices for slaughter bison remain strong. Prices for prime finished bison for the Canadian market are as high as $5.50/lb. HHW with heifers slightly lower. Prices for animals for the US market are as high as $5.65/lb. HHW for bulls and $5.35/lb. HHW for heifers. For the U.S. market producers are responsible for shipping costs as well as administrative costs and vet checks for animals moving to the U.S.

According to the most recent USDA data available, 6,065 slaughter males were shipped from Canada in the first six months of 2024 – 0.71% above the 6,022 slaughter males shipped for the same period in 2023. The slaughter females shipped to the US for slaughter in the first six months of 2024 at 7,387 head is 3.1% higher than the 7,164 females shipped for the same period in 2023. According to USDA data, in the first five months of 2024, 3,718 feeder males and 3,167 feeder females were shipped from Canada to the US.

August 2024 Prices: Bison Prices Continue to be strong.

Chart 1

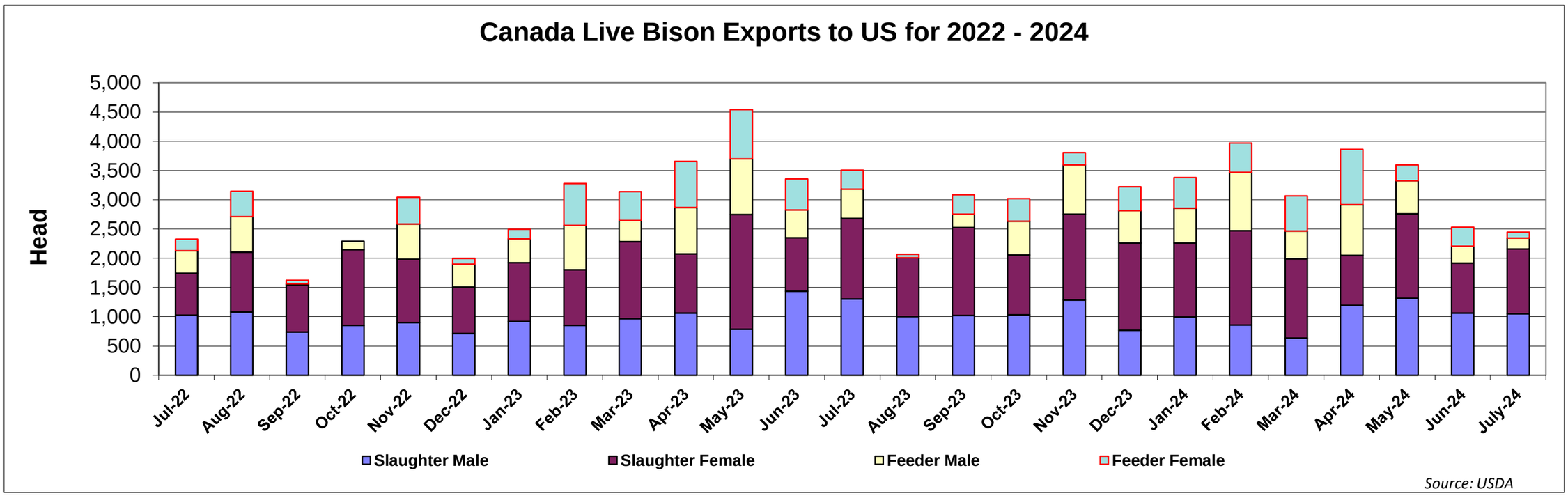
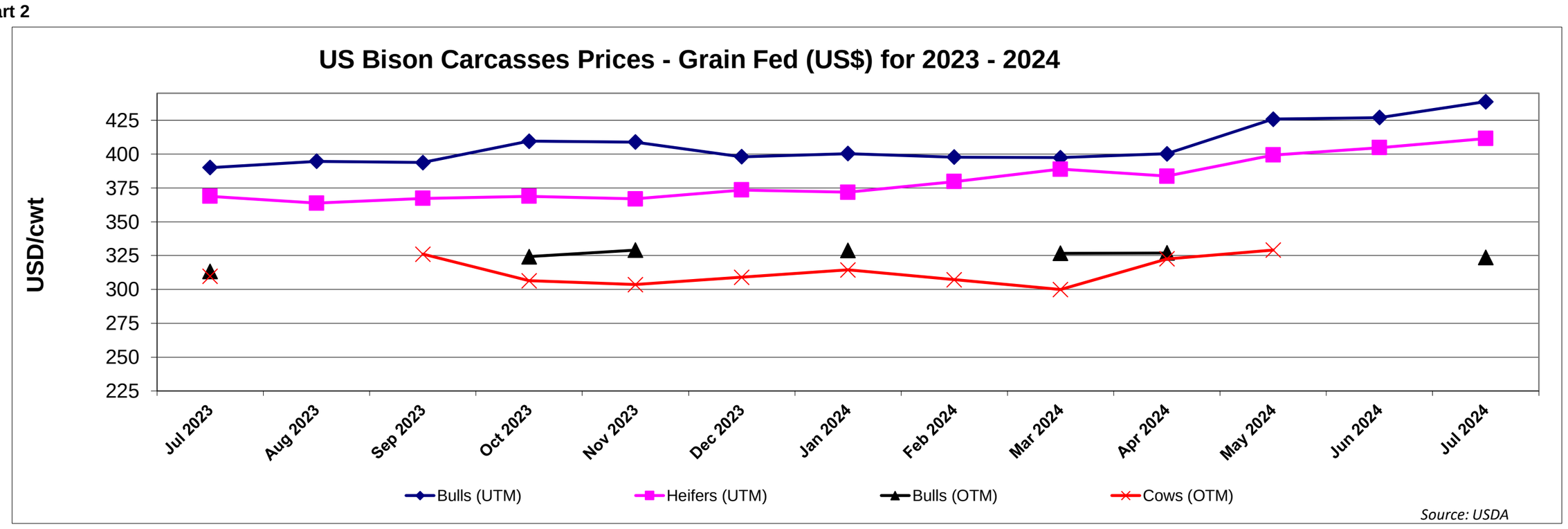


Chart 2



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 disclosure the number of bison