



# BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Prepared by Red Meat Section/Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - January 7, 2025.

## Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	2 - November	9 - November	16 - November	23 - November	November Total	January - November YTD		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2024	2023	% Change
Total Canada	156	463	309	261	1,189	7,477	6,383	17.1%
previous year	139	120	130	57	446			

## Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	October 2023	January - October YTD		
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023	% Change
BC / Alberta	35	93	141	115	157	135	1,200	1,260	-4.8%
Sask / Manitoba	46	53	40	38	32	36	422	381	10.8%
Ontario / Quebec	49	56	39	36	50	44	411	356	15.4%
Canada Total	130	202	220	189	239	215	2,033	1,997	1.8%
							January - October YTD		
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter							2024	2023	% Change
							8,321	7,934	4.9%

## Canadian Production

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	January - October YTD		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	% Change
Total Slaughter	10,041	9,585	7,860	9,798	10,794	9,661	8,321	7,934	4.9%
Total Live Exports	17,342	20,060	24,574	27,986	32,362	39,170	28,439	32,140	-11.5%
Total Production	27,383	29,645	32,434	37,784	43,156	48,831	36,760	40,074	-8.3%

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

## US Federal Slaughter\*

for week ending:	2 - November	9 - November	16 - November	23 - November	November Total	January - November YTD		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2024	2023	% Change
	1,477	1,484	1,397	1,594	5,952	69,492	67,442	3.0%
previous year	1,527	1,617	1,748	972	5,864			

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

## Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	June 24	July 24	August 24	September 24	October 24	November 24	January - November YTD		
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	% Change
Slaughter Male	1,062	1,049	460	747	882	1,283	10,486	11,673	-10.2%
Slaughter Female	857	1,110	834	832	834	1,470	12,467	13,536	-7.9%
Feeder Male	285	187	198	64	484	841	5,555	5,887	-5.6%
Feeder Female	324	103	0	220	35	211	3,736	4,849	-23.0%
Total	2,528	2,449	1,492	1,863	2,235	3,805	32,244	35,945	-10.3%

\*source : USDA, APHIS

## Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	January - October YTD		
								2024	2023	% Change
United States	Kg	850	448	836	605	18,126	735	24,703	29,721	-16.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	33,462	16,554	28,977	23,246	433,577	30,483	674,125	525,573	28.3%
Netherlands	Kg	6,665	7,006	8,305	10,440	9,447	11,888	84,630	61,306	38.0%
	Value (\$Cdn)	215,635	249,768	303,693	299,731	324,914	448,171	2,893,209	1,820,693	58.9%
Switzerland	Kg	837	-	-	2,789	-	272	6,339	1,958	223.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	34,673	-	-	93,218	-	15,074	235,340	85,281	176.0%
Italy	Kg	6,162	-	-	-	-	-	7,851	8,989	-12.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	179,986	-	-	-	-	-	231,791	332,103	-30.2%
France	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	358	12,170	-97.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,116	317,802	-96.8%
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	-	-	517	-	517	1,331	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	24,989	-	24,989	37,920	-
Other Countries	Kg	1,562	-	-	-	767	-	2,329	1,428	63.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	34,337	-	-	-	19,593	-	53,930	39,211	37.5%
Total	Kg	16,076	7,454	9,337	13,834	28,857	12,895	126,727	116,903	8.4%
	Value (\$Cdn)	498,093	266,322	336,292	416,195	803,073	493,728	4,123,500	3,158,583	30.5%

## Bone-in

	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	January - October YTD		
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	% Change
Total	11,097	3,472	32,552	67,717	18,403	35,811	284,000	108,067	162.8%
Value (\$Cdn)	208,328	36,453	341,794	849,830	353,407	609,335	4,396,633	1,476,558	197.8%

## Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	January - October YTD		
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	% Change
Total	27,173	10,926	41,889	81,551	47,260	48,706	410,727	224,970	82.6%
Value (\$Cdn)	706,421	302,775	678,086	1,266,025	1,156,480	1,103,063	8,520,133	4,635,141	83.8%

\*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)
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	434.78	411.50	323.60	
Aug 2024	443.94	416.43		
Sep 2024	444.28	420.87		
Oct 2024	451.55	428.01		
Nov 2024	456.38	453.59		351.93

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\*source USDA

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wghtd avg

	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls*	Mature Cows*	For the U.S. Market	Bulls**	Heifers**
Dec 2023	480 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 380	275 - 300	Dec 2023	485 - 555	480 - 520
Jan 2024	475 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 380	275 - 300	Jan 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
Feb 2024	475 - 550	460 - 515	250 - 380	275 - 300	Feb 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
Mar 2024	485 - 510	465 - 510			Mar 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
Apr 2024	485 - 510	475 - 510			Apr 2024	485 - 555	480 - 520
May 2024	500 - 525	495 - 510			May 2024	510 - 555	500 - 520
Jun 2024	515 - 535	500 - 515			Jun 2024	510 - 555	500 - 520
Jul 2024	525 - 550	500 - 525			July 2024	525 - 565	515 - 525
Aug 2024	525 - 550	500 - 525			Aug 2024	525 - 565	520 - 525
Sept 2024	545 - 575	515 - 550			Sept 2024	430 - 455	410 - 430
Oct 2024	550 - 580	530 - 560			Oct 2024	430 - 455	410 - 430
Nov 2024	570 - 600	540 - 570			Nov 2024	600 - 620	550 - 585
Dec 2024	570 - 600	550 - 600			Dec 2024	600 - 620	550 - 580

\*source CBA survey of marketers

\* over 30 months of age

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

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

	September 2024		October 2024		November 2024		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 months prior	1 month prior
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	628 - 1,000	788.46	628 - 1,037	800.16	625 - 1,031	810.25	2.8%	1.3%
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	1,475 - 2,350	1,807.41	1,476 - 2,250	1,694.87	1,360 - 2,350	1,704.95	-5.7%	0.6%
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	925 - 1,510	1,229.46	905 - 1,668	1,222.53	1,075 - 1,735	1,279.47	4.1%	4.7%
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	1,925 - 3,400	2,435.14	2,231 - 3,400	2,671.02	1,900 - 3,436	2,491.01	2.3%	-6.7%
Bison Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	615 - 765	694.36	550 - 765	703.34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	648 - 927	720.38	648 - 952	735.20	662 - 940	742.94	3.1%	1.1%
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	600 - 958	778.98	649 - 958	779.22	667 - 982	759.49	-2.5%	-2.5%

\*source USDA

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

	Mid-September 2024 Pricing	Mid-October 2024 Pricing	Mid-November 2024 Pricing	Mid-December 2024 Pricing
Tenderloin	\$75.00 - \$80.00	\$77.00 - \$82.00	\$78.00 - \$82.00	\$78.00 - \$82.00
Striploin	\$42.00 - \$47.00	\$42.00 - \$47.00	\$42.00 - \$44.00	\$42.00 - \$44.00
Ribeye	\$42.00 - \$49.00	\$42.00 - \$45.00	\$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	\$30.00 - \$34.00	\$30.00 - \$34.00	\$30.00 - \$34.00	\$30.00 - \$34.00
Trim 90%	\$17.50 - \$18.50	\$18.00 - \$19.00	\$18.00 - \$19.00	\$18.00 - \$19.00
Trim 60%	\$14.00 - \$15.00	\$15.00 - \$16.00	\$14.00 - \$15.50	\$14.00 - \$15.50
Ground - lean	\$22.00 - \$24.00	\$22.00 - \$24.00	\$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				2024 CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW & SALE			
Video Bison Sale				Jack Auction Group (SK)			
Qty.	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.	WILDCARD BULL CHOICE		2022 BRED HEIFI PLACING	
9	2021 Bred	Heifers Wood X	\$3,500 (avg/head)	GRAND CHAMPION M SHALE CREEK	\$10,500	PRAIRIELAND 1 - GC	\$6,500
51	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.51	RESERVE CHAMPIONS SILVER CREEK	\$7,750	ROAMING K 2	\$5,250
55	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.70	<b>WILDCARD FEMALE CHOICE</b>		RJ GAME 3	\$6,000
63	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.66	GRAND CHAMPION FIPRAIRIELAND	\$6,500	BEAR PAW 4	\$6,250
16	2022 Bulls	V. Good Plains	\$2.42	RESERVE CHAMPION XY BISON	\$3,750	PRAIRIELAND 5	\$5,500
60	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.76	<b>2022 BULLS PLACING</b>		ROAMING K	\$4,000
71	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.67	SHALE CREEK 1 - GC	\$10,500	<b>PEN of 2 - 2022 E PLACING</b>	
68	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.48	ROAMING K 2	\$9,000	ROAMING K 1	\$4,500
17	2022 Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$2.49	BIG COUNTRY 3	\$6,500	BEAR PAW 2	\$6,500
10	2022 Heifers	V. Good Plains	\$1.90	RJ GAME FARM 4	\$5,500	RJ GAME 3	\$5,500
57	2022 Heifers	V. Good Wood X	\$2.03	BEAR PAW 5	\$6,000	PRAIRIELAND 4	\$5,500
138	2022 Heifers	V. Good Wood X	\$1.95	SILVER CREEK	\$8,500	<b>2023 OPEN HEIFI PLACING</b>	
23	2022 Heifers	Good Plains	\$1.68	<b>2023 BULLS PLACING</b>		XY BISON 1 - RC	\$3,750
44	2021 Mixed	Good Wood X	\$2.25	SILVER CREEK 1 - RC	\$7,750	DONALLY 2	\$3,750
76	2023 Bulls	Light Wood X	\$2.14	BISON RIDGE 2	\$6,000	BIG COUNTRY 3	\$3,200
58	2023 Heifers	Light Wood X	\$1.82	XY BISON 3	\$5,500	BIG COUNTRY 4	\$3,250
80	2022/23 Mixed	Medium Wood X	\$1.60	BIG COUNTRY 4	\$5,000	SHALE CREEK 5	\$3,400
42	Young Cows	V. Good Wood X	\$1.86	DONALLY 5	\$5,250	RJ GAME	\$2,600
13	Young Cows	V. Good Wood X	\$1.88	SHALE CREEK	\$5,000	<b>PEN of 2 - 2023 C PLACING</b>	
17	Open Cows	V. Good Wood X	\$1.63	ROAMING K	\$6,000	SHALE CREEK 1	\$4,000
4	Hunt Bulls	V. Good Wood X	\$1.65	RJ GAME FARM	\$4,000	BIG COUNTRY 2	\$3,300
				ROCKY MEADOW	\$3,500	BISON RIDGE 3	\$3,000
						RJ GAME 4	\$3,000
						BIG D BISON 5	\$2,900
						<b>GROSS</b>	<b>\$223,850</b>

**Commentary**

By Executive Director, CBA

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**Bison Marketplace – December 2024**

From January 1, 2024, to November 30th, 2024, 7,646 head of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 15.0% higher than the 6,642 slaughtered in the same period in 2023.

In the United States, 70,395 bison were slaughtered from January 1 through to November 30, 2024. This is 4.2% above what was slaughtered during the same period in 2023 (67,442 were slaughtered last year during the same period).

According to the most recent USDA data to the end of November 2024; 9,663 slaughter males were shipped from Canada (11,673 for same period in 2023), 11,764 slaughter females (13,536 in same period in 2023), 5,550 feeder males (5,887 feeder males for same period in 2023), and 4,362 feeder females (4,849 feeder females for same period in 2023). Fewer animals are headed across the border into the US in 2024 compared to 2023.

**December 2024 Prices:** Strong, steady prices reported.

Chart 1

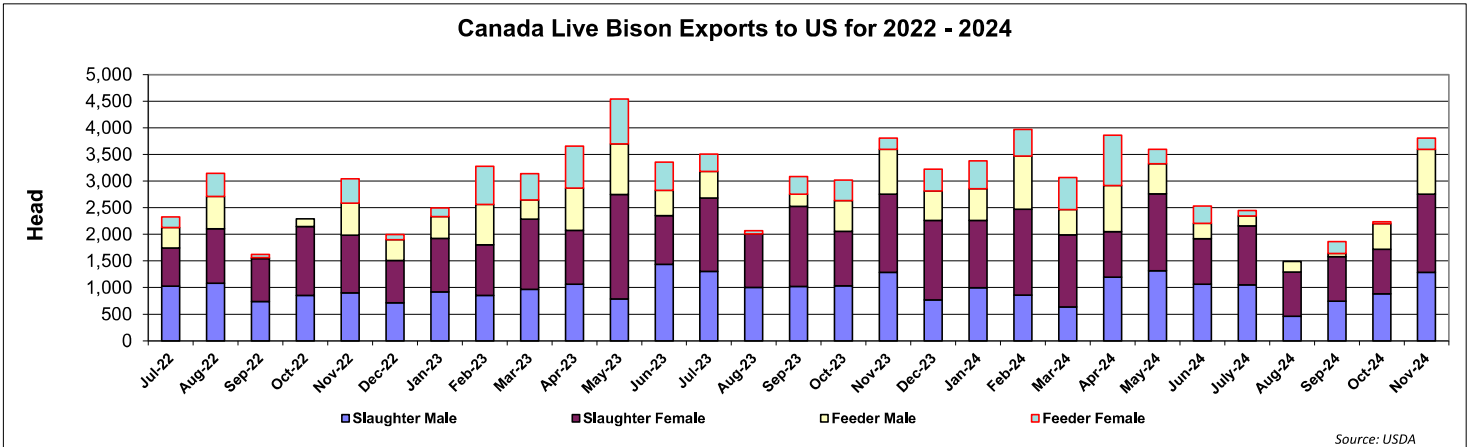
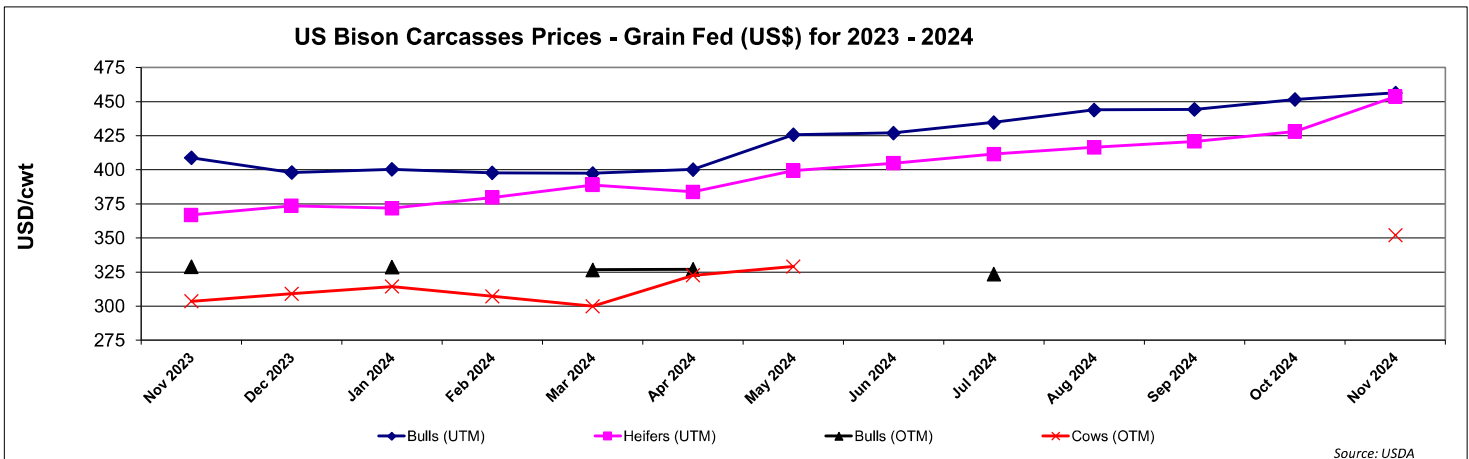


Chart 2



**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%
<b>Canada Total</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>149,539</b>	<b>119,314</b>	<b>125,142</b>	<b>195,728</b>	<b>25.3%</b>

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