Weekly Price Summary for April 18th, 2025

With the Canadian dollar fluctuations, and market uncertainty please confirm prices offered by buyers as prices may change.

Carcass prices per CWT HHW - CAD			
Finished Bulls	**Finished Heifers**	**Mature Bulls****	**Mature Cows****
$635– $695	$600– $650	$500-$550	$500 - $550
Carcass prices per CWT HHW destined for US Market - USD			
Bulls	**Heifers**	**Mature Bulls**	**Mature Cows**
$480 - $495	$450– $470	N/A	N/A
Live Animal Prices - CAD per pound			
Bulls*	**Heifers***	**Mixed**	
$5.95	$4.69		

*Results from No Borders Show and Sale for High Quality 2023 bison, with heifers averaging 875 to 1045 lbs, and bulls averaging 1,105 to 1,375 lbs.
**Mature Bulls and Cows Over 30 months of age.

Prices for finished animals continue to be strong with tight supply - prime bulls selling for up to $6.75/lb HHW for harvesting in Canada and up to $6.90/lb HHW Canadian delivered to the US market. Heifers are about 30 cents lower. Adjustments must be made for export processing and transportation costs for animals being shipped to the U.S. The Canadian dollar has been strengthening in recent weeks and buyers will be watching the conversion closely.

In the U.S. market, prices for finished bulls have pushed $495/cwt USD with heifers $15 - $30/cwt USD lower.

At the No Borders Show and Sale in Yorkton April 5th, sixteen 2023 bulls sold on average for $7,531 with an average weight of 1,265 lbs. That's $5.95/lb. The prices ranged from $9,500 for the Grand Champion to a low of $5,750. Six 2023 Open heifers sold on average for $4,375 and weighed on average 933 lbs. That's 4.69/lb. The Grand Champion female sold for $6,250.

Elk Island National Park sold 28 animals in March through tender. Here are the sales details of the various lots:
Lot #1 – 4 head (1) 4 years wt-861 lbs, (2) 3.5 years wt-687 lbs, 891 lbs, (1) 2.5 years wt-882 lbs sold for $8,800.00
Lot #2 – 4 head (4) 2.5 years wt-802 lbs, 794 lbs, 755 lbs, 717 lbs sold for $9,000.00
Lot #3 – 4 head (2) 7 years wt-1491 lbs, 1323 lbs, (2) 6.5 years wt-1479 lbs, 1339 lbs sold for $11,500.00
Lot #4 – 6 head (6) 1 year wt-709 lbs, 664 lbs, 645 lbs, 619 lbs, 607 lbs, 502 lbs sold for $12,500.00

Lot #5 – 6 head (6) 1 year wt-720 lbs, 682 lbs, 629 lbs, 621 lbs, (2) 603 lbs sold for $12,900.00
Lot #6 – 4 head (1) 10 year wt-1667 lbs, (1) 8 year wt-1500 lbs, (2) 7 year wt-1548 lbs, 1482 lbs sold for $11,500.00

At a consignor's video auction on April 2nd, 336 bison sold. Ninety eight 2023 born bulls that sold in lots that ranged from 540 pounds to 950 pounds sold for between $3.45/lb and $3.92/lb. Ninety two 2023 females sold in lots that averaged 550 pounds to 750 pounds sold for between $3.26/lb and $3.55/lb. Seventy four mixed calves sold for between $3.78 and $4.70/lb.

Producers should research the parameters on which the prices are based. Parameters such as Canadian or US delivery transportation costs, weight ranges, age, exchange rates etc. This will assist producers in comparing prices on an equivalent basis.

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