

Bison Marketplace for April, 2025

From January 1st, 2025 to April 26th, 2025, 3,982 head of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 60% higher than the 2,493 animals slaughtered in 2024 over the approximate same time frame.

In the United States during January, February, March and April 2025, 22,017 bison were slaughtered in US federally inspected plants. For the same time period in 2024, 27,035 bison were slaughtered in US federal plants. That's an 18.5% decrease year over year.

According to most current USDA data for the months of January, February, March and April of 2025, Canada exported 2,701 slaughter males (26.8% less than 2024), 2,365 slaughter females (33.8% less than 2024), 3127 feeder males (6.7% more than 2024) and 2,942 feeder females (14.4% higher than 2024). Comparative 2024 numbers for January, February, March and April that are used in the %age calculations - Canada exported 3,689 slaughter males, 5,085 slaughter females, 2,932 feeder males and 2,570 feeder females.

In total, 12,289 animals were exported to the US in the first 4 months of 2025, compared to 16,625 for the same time period last year. This is a 26% decrease, compared to a 4% increase using the same calculation last month. Movement of live animals to the US has slowed significantly over the last month.

Weekly Price Summary for May 23rd, 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	\$610– \$660	\$500-\$550	\$500 - \$550
Carcass prices per CWT HHW destined for US Market - USD			
Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls	Mature Cows
\$485 - \$500	\$450– \$470		
Live Animal Prices - CAD per pound			
Bulls*	Heifers*	Mixed	
\$4.60 (550 lb ave.)	\$4.50 (475 lb. ave.)	\$4.92 (575 lbs average wt.)	

*Results from Jack Auctions May Video Sale. Mostly wood cross 2024 animals

**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 \$6.95/lb HHW for harvesting in Canada and up to \$6.95/lb HHW Canadian delivered to the US market (based on this week's approximate currency exchange). 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 fluctuating in recent weeks, so watch conversion rates.

In the U.S. market, prices for finished bulls have pushed \$500/cwt USD with heifers \$30/cwt USD lower.

At Jack Auctions May video sale held this week, 123 wood cross animals were sold. A mixed lot of 75, 2024 bison, averaging 575 lbs sold at \$4.92/lb. Lots of 9 heifers and 9 bulls sold between \$4.50 and \$4.60/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.

Canadian Fresh Bison Cuts (\$CDN/kg)

Tenderloin	\$84-\$92
Striploin	\$54-\$58
Ribeye	\$52-\$58
Top Sirloin	\$30-\$32
Inside Round	\$30-\$34
Trim 90%	\$22-\$24
Trim 60%	\$17-\$19
Ground Lean	\$25-\$28

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