

Bison Marketplace for July, 2025

From January 1st, 2025 to the end of July, 2025, 7,572 head of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 77% higher than the 3,582 animals slaughtered in 2024 over the approximate same time frame.

In the United States from January to the end of July, 36,725 bison were slaughtered in US federally inspected plants. For the same time period in 2024, 47,825 bison were slaughtered in US federal plants. That's an 23% decrease year over year.

According to most current USDA data for January thru to the end of July 2025, Canada exported 4,210 slaughter males (40.8% less than 2024), 4,385 slaughter females (48.4% less than 2024), 4,448 feeder males (12.1% more than 2024) and 3,983 feeder females (21.8% higher than 2024). Comparative 2024 numbers that are used in the %age calculations - Canada exported 7,114 slaughter males, 8,497 slaughter females, 3,968 feeder males and 3,270 feeder females.

In total, 17,212 animals were exported to the US in the first 7 months of 2025, compared to 27,512 for the same time period last year. This is a 37.4% decrease. Movement of live animals to the US continues to slow.

Weekly Price Summary for August 22nd, 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*
\$645– \$700	\$620– \$665	\$500-\$550	\$500 - \$550
Carcass prices per CWT HHW destined for US Market - USD			
Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls	Mature Cows
\$495 - \$510	\$455– \$480		
Live Animal Prices - CAD per pound**			
Bulls	Heifers	Mixed	
\$5.02	\$3.88	\$4.25	

*Mature Bulls and Cows Over 30 months of age.

**bull/heifers/mixed lots averaged 780/710/690 pounds respectively

Prices continue to be strong with tight supply. Prime bulls are selling for up to \$7.00/lb HHW for harvesting in Canada and up to \$7.06/lb HHW Canadian delivered to the US market (based on this week's approximate currency exchange). Heifers are about 35 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 \$510/cwt USD with heifers \$30/cwt USD lower.

At a recent Jack Auctions bison video sale, 301 animals were sold from Saskatchewan and Alberta farms. Bull lots with average weights of 780 pounds sold between \$4.98 and \$5.04 per pound. A lot of 710 pound (average) heifers sold for \$3.88/pound. Also a lot of mixed male and females that averaged 690 pounds sold for \$4.25

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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