

Bison Marketplace for August, 2025

From January 1st, 2025 to the end of August, 2025, 9,155 head of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 76% higher than the 5,207 animals slaughtered in 2024 over the approximate same time frame.

In the United States from January to the end of August, 42,284 bison were slaughtered in US federally inspected plants. For the same time period in 2024, 52,857 bison were slaughtered in US federal plants. That's an 20% decrease year over year.

According to most current USDA data for January thru to the end of August 2025, Canada exported 4,514 feeder males (in 2024 the number was 4,166, a 8% increase YOY), 3,983 feeder females (3,270, 22% increase), 4,782 slaughter males (7,574, 37% decrease) and 4,913 slaughter females (9,331, 47% decrease)

In total, 18,378 animals were exported to the US in the first 7 months of 2025, compared to 29,005 for the same time period last year. This is a 37% decrease. Movement of live animals to the US continues to slow.

Weekly Price Summary for September 19th, 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	

*Mature Bulls and Cows Over 30 months of age.

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.

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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