

## BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Prepared by Red Meat Section/Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - September 22, 2025.

### Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	5 - July	12 - July	19 - July	26 - July	July Total	January - July YTD		
Total Canada	311	190	259	241	1,001	2025	2024	% Change
previous year	117	141	135	184	577	7,392	4,319	71.2%
						8,453	5,502	

### Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	June 2024	January - June YTD		
BC / Alberta	109	136	113	85	53	35	2025	2024	% Change
Sask / Manitoba	38	36	56	39	38	46	678	694	-2.3%
Ontario / Quebec	15	23	21	36	34	49	234	259	-9.7%
Canada Total	162	195	190	160	125	130	149	230	-35.2%
							1,061	1,183	-10.3%
						January - June YTD	2025	2024	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter							7,452	4,925	51.3%

### Canadian Production

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	January - June YTD		
Total Slaughter	9,585	7,860	9,798	10,794	9,871	11,119	2025	2024	% Change
Total Live Exports	20,060	24,574	27,986	32,362	39,170	35,706	7,452	4,925	51.3%
Total Production	29,645	32,434	37,784	43,156	49,041	46,825	15,890	20,400	-22.1%
							23,342	25,325	-7.8%

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

### US Federal Slaughter\*

for week ending:	5 - July	12 - July	19 - July	26 - July	July Total	January - July YTD		
	1,071	1,337	1,231	1,212	4,851	2025	2024	% Change
previous year	1,240	1,331	1,618	1,316	5,505	45,968	44,061	4.3%

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

### Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	January - July YTD		
Slaughter Male	953	512	353	515	514	480	2025	2024	% Change
Slaughter Female	1,025	769	452	230	358	432	4,210	7,114	-40.8%
Feeder Male	1,093	691	233	841	323	157	4,385	8,497	-48.4%
Feeder Female	1,253	730	263	691	283	67	4,448	3,968	12.1%
Total	4,324	2,702	1,301	2,277	1,478	1,136	3,983	3,270	21.8%
							17,026	22,849	-25.5%

\*source : USDA, APHIS

### Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

		January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	January - June YTD		
Boneless								2025	2024	% Change
United States	Kg	7,650	8,887	1,537	4,216	6,016	523	28,829	4,401	555.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	101,865	90,361	53,402	43,703	64,698	24,504	378,533	157,842	139.8%
Netherlands	Kg	14,978	17,457	19,076	15,829	16,224	15,753	99,317	44,550	122.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	561,852	636,103	777,549	681,059	677,820	592,369	3,926,752	1,516,700	158.9%
Switzerland	Kg	1,733	1,843	1,873	4,688	1,676	3,817	15,630	3,278	376.8%
	Value (\$Cdn)	49,912	71,151	53,387	174,912	47,759	108,786	505,907	127,048	298.2%
Italy	Kg	-	11,448	-	404	601	222	12,675	7,851	61.4%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	361,424	-	21,678	27,674	10,824	421,600	231,791	81.9%
France	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	358	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,116	-
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Countries	Kg	-	-	-	24,708	-	-	24,708	1,562	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	594,490	-	-	594,490	34,337	-
Total	Kg	24,361	39,635	22,486	49,845	24,517	20,315	181,159	62,000	192.2%
	Value (\$Cdn)	713,629	1,159,039	884,338	1,515,842	817,951	736,483	5,827,282	2,077,834	180.4%

### Bone-in

		January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	January - June YTD		
Total								2025	2024	% Change
	Kg	36,307	55,085	14,847	6,860	2,099	2,588	81,479	129,517	-37.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	781,378	1,196,220	423,863	151,195	34,947	27,179	1,833,404	2,242,267	-18.2%

### Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

		January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	January - June YTD		
								2025	2024	% Change
	Kg	60,668	94,720	37,333	56,705	26,616	22,903	262,638	191,517	37.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	1,495,007	2,355,259	1,308,201	1,667,037	852,898	763,662	7,660,686	4,320,101	77.3%

\*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)	Unclassified / Non classifié
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	
Dec 2024	454.90	437.47	344.76	363.93	
Jan 2025	460.07	438.38		368.45	
Feb 2025	478.84	453.23		374.18	
Mar 2025	486.95	463.92			
Apr 2025	486.49	463.24	365.00		
May 2025	492.92	469.23	380.00	384.30	
June 2025	494.66	469.59			
July 2025	497.17	472.33	377.61	385.00	
Aug 2025	498.47	473.18			
*source USDA					

Canadian Bison Carcasses - Grain Fed (Hot Carcass Wt Cdn\$/cwt) FOB Plant Basis

wghtd avg	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls*	Mature Cows*	For the U.S. Market	Bulls**	Heifers**
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
Jan 2025	580 - 610	560 - 610			Jan 2025	440 - 465	425 - 445
Feb 2025	600 - 640	570 - 620			Feb 2025	460 - 485	445 - 465
Mar 2025	610 - 650	575 - 620			Mar 2025	460 - 485	445 - 465
Apr 2025	635 - 695	600 - 650			Apr 2025	485 - 500	450 - 470
May 2025	635 - 690	610 - 660			May 2025	485 - 500	450 - 475
Jun 2025	635 - 690	610 - 660			Jun 2025	485 - 500	450 - 475
Jul 2025	645 - 700	620 - 665			Jul 2025	495 - 510	455 - 480
Aug 2025	645 - 700	620 - 665			Aug 2025	495 - 510	455 - 480
*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)

	May 2025		June 2025		July 2025		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 months prior	1 month prior
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	625 - 1,053	867.20	625 - 1,066	865.01	625 - 1,080	879.13	1.4%	1.6%
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	1,545 - 2,350	1,838.24	1,300 - 2,500	1,942.90	1,387 - 3,441	1,991.55	8.3%	2.5%
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	1,075 - 1,969	1,383.34	1,275 - 2,113	1,442.68	1,028 - 1,829	1,407.54	1.7%	-2.4%
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	22 - 3,711	2,508.71	1,925 - 3,730	2,680.69	2,200 - 3,807	2,756.22	9.9%	2.8%
Bison Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	700 - 850	764.51	712 - 941	783.28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gmd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	625 - 1,041	781.17	650 - 1,119	860.91	650 - 1,133	836.94	7.1%	-2.8%
Gmd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	736 - 1,090	836.73	761 - 1,019	852.12	775 - 1,192	876.31	4.7%	2.8%
*source USDA								

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

	Mid-May 2025 Pricing	Mid-June 2025 Pricing	Mid-July 2025 Pricing	Mid-August 2025 Pricing
Tenderloin	\$84.00 - \$92.00	\$84.00 - \$92.00	\$84.00 - \$92.00	\$84.00 - \$92.00
Striploin	\$54.00 - \$58.00	\$54.00 - \$58.00	\$54.00 - \$58.00	\$54.00 - \$58.00
Ribeye	\$52.00 - \$58.00	\$52.00 - \$58.00	\$52.00 - \$58.00	\$52.00 - \$58.00
Top sirloin	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$31.00 - \$33.00	\$31.00 - \$33.00	\$31.00 - \$33.00
Inside round	\$30.00 - \$34.00	\$30.00 - \$34.00	\$30.00 - \$34.00	\$30.00 - \$34.00
Trim 90%	\$23.00 - \$25.00	\$23.00 - \$25.00	\$24.00 - \$26.00	\$24.00 - \$26.00
Trim 60%	\$17.00 - \$19.00	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$18.50 - \$21.50
Ground - lean	\$24.00 - \$28.00	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$26.00 - \$29.00	\$26.00 - \$29.00
*source CBA survey of marketers				

Live Auction Reports \*most recently reported; may not reflect current market

Jack Auction Group (SK) - April 2, 2025				2024 CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW & SALE			
Video Bison Sale				Jack Auction Group (SK)			
Qty.	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.	WILDCARD BULL CHOICE		2022 BRED HEIF PLACING	
25	2024 Bulls	Excellent	\$4.44	GRAND CHAMPION M SHALE CREEK	\$10,500	PRAIRIELAND 1 - GC	\$6,500
25	2024 Heifers	Excellent	\$3.87	RESERVE CHAMPIONSILVER CREEK	\$7,750	ROAMING K 2	\$5,250
45	2024 Mixed	Good	\$3.78	WILDCARD FEMALE CHOICE		RJ GAME 3	\$6,000
15	2024 Mixed	Good	\$4.70	GRAND CHAMPION FIPRAIRIELAND		BEAR PAW 4	\$6,250
14	2024 Mixed	Good	\$3.90	RESERVE CHAMPIONXY BISON		PRAIRIELAND 5	\$5,500
31	2023 Bulls	Excellent	\$3.92	2022 BULLS		ROAMING K	\$4,000
25	2023 Bulls	Good	\$3.58	SHALE CREEK 1 - GC	\$10,500	PEN of 2 - 2022 E PLACING	
13	2023 Heifers	Good	\$3.43	ROAMING K 2	\$9,000	ROAMING K 1	\$4,500
20	2023 Heifers	Good	\$3.32	BIG COUNTRY 3	\$6,500	BEAR PAW 2	\$6,500
30	2023 Bulls	Medium	\$3.45	RJ GAME FARM 4	\$5,500	RJ GAME 3	\$5,500
50	2023 Heifers	Medium	\$3.26	BEAR PAW 5	\$6,000	PRAIRIELAND 4	\$5,500
7	2023 Bulls	Good	\$3.80	SILVER CREEK	\$8,500	2023 OPEN HEIF PLACING	
9	2023 Heifers	Good	\$3.55	2023 BULLS		XY BISON 1 - RC	\$3,750
5	2023 Bulls	Good	\$3.50	SILVER CREEK 1 - RC	\$7,750	DONALLY 2	\$3,750
15	2022 HFRTS	Excellent	\$3.00	BISON RIDGE 2	\$6,000	BIG COUNTRY 3	\$3,200
5	2021 Bulls	Good	\$2.70	XY BISON 3	\$5,500	BIG COUNTRY 4	\$3,250
2	2019 Bulls	Good	\$2.50	BIG COUNTRY 4	\$5,000	SHALE CREEK 5	\$3,400
				DONALLY 5	\$5,250	RJ GAME	\$2,600
				SHALE CREEK	\$5,000	PEN of 2 - 2023 C PLACING	
				ROAMING K	\$6,000	SHALE CREEK 1	\$4,000
				RJ GAME FARM	\$4,000	BIG COUNTRY 2	\$3,300
				ROCKY MEADOW	\$3,500	BISON RIDGE 3	\$3,000
				GROSS		RJ GAME 4	\$3,000
						BIG D BISON 5	\$2,900
						GROSS	
						\$223,850	

## Commentary

By Executive Director, CBA

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## Bison Marketplace – 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.

**August 2025 Prices:** Prices for prime finished bulls for the Canadian market have continued to be strong. Recent sales have shown highs of \$700/CWT HHW with heifers up to \$665/CWT. Canadian bison headed to the US reached highs of \$510 (USD) for bulls and \$480 (USD) for heifers. Note that to ship to the US market, shippers are responsible for currency risk, shipping costs, vet checks and admin costs.

Chart 1

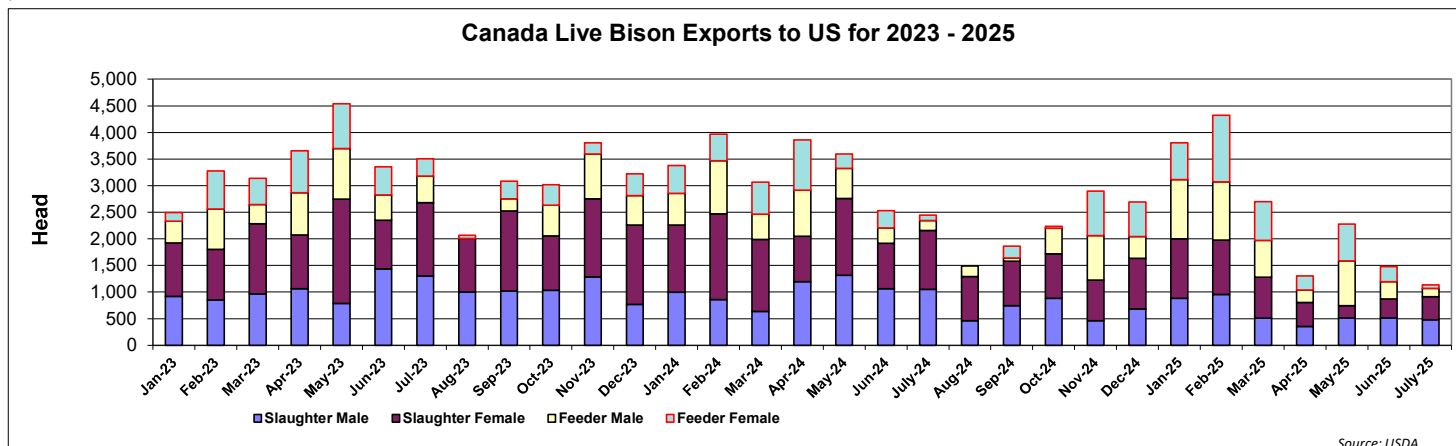
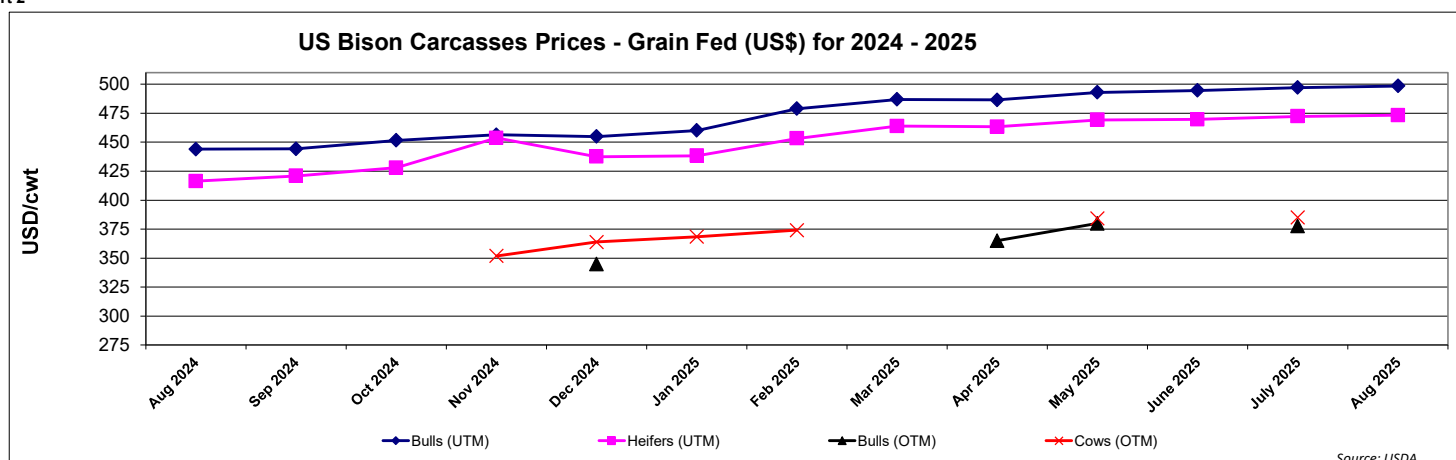


Chart 2



## 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%
Canada Total	989	975	1,211	1,898	1.4%	149,539	119,314	125,142	195,728	25.3%

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