

BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Prepared by Red Meat Section/Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - August 25, 2025.



Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	31 - May	7 - June	14 - June	21 - June	28 - June	June Total	2025	2024	% Change
Total Canada	190	332	289	327	217	1,355	6,391	3,742	70.8%
previous year	107	123	176	96	161	663	7,327	4,795	

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	May 2024	2025	2024	% Change
BC / Alberta	182	109	136	113	85	99	625	659	-5.2%
Sask / Manitoba	27	38	36	56	39	45	196	213	-8.0%
Ontario / Quebec	20	15	23	21	36	36	115	181	-36.5%
Canada Total	229	162	195	190	160	180	936	1,053	-11.1%

	January - May YTD	2025	2024	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter		6,908	5,185	33.2%

Canadian Production

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	% Change
Total Slaughter	9,585	7,860	9,798	10,794	9,871	11,119	6,908	5,185	33.2%
Total Live Exports	20,060	24,574	27,986	32,362	39,170	35,706	14,412	17,872	-19.4%
Total Production	29,645	32,434	37,784	43,156	49,041	46,825	21,320	23,057	-7.5%

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

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	31 - May	7 - June	14 - June	21 - June	28 - June	June Total	2025	2024	% Change
	1,092	1,166	1,125	1,087	1,201	5,671	40,463	38,562	4.9%
previous year	1,173	1,612	1,511	1,723	1,317	7,336			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	2025	2024	% Change
Slaughter Male	883	953	512	353	515	514	3,730	6,065	-38.5%
Slaughter Female	1,119	1,025	769	452	230	358	3,953	7,387	-46.5%
Feeder Male	1,110	1,093	691	233	841	323	4,291	3,781	13.5%
Feeder Female	696	1,253	730	263	691	283	3,916	3,167	23.7%
Total	3,808	4,324	2,702	1,301	2,277	1,478	15,890	20,400	-22.1%

*source : USDA, APHIS

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	January - May YTD		
								2025	2024	% Change
United States	Kg	4,670	7,650	8,887	1,537	4,216	6,016	28,306	3,953	616.1%
	Value (\$Cdn)	50,117	101,865	90,361	53,402	43,703	64,698	354,029	141,288	150.6%
Netherlands	Kg	17,574	14,978	17,457	19,076	15,829	16,224	83,564	37,544	122.6%
	Value (\$Cdn)	530,307	561,852	636,103	777,549	681,059	677,820	3,334,383	1,266,932	163.2%
Switzerland	Kg	1,868	1,733	1,843	1,873	4,688	1,676	11,813	3,278	260.4%
	Value (\$Cdn)	54,250	49,912	71,151	53,387	174,912	47,759	397,121	127,048	212.6%
Italy	Kg	557	-	11,448	-	404	601	12,453	7,851	58.6%
	Value (\$Cdn)	25,040	-	361,424	-	21,678	27,674	410,776	231,791	77.2%
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	24,669	24,361	39,635	22,486	49,845	24,517	160,844	54,546	194.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	659,714	713,629	1,159,039	884,338	1,515,842	817,951	5,090,799	1,811,512	181.0%

Bone-in

	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	2025	2024	% Change	
Total	Kg	18,157	36,307	55,085	14,847	6,860	2,099	115,198	126,045	-8.6%
	Value (\$Cdn)	370,345	781,378	1,196,220	423,863	151,195	34,947	2,587,603	2,205,814	17.3%

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	2025	2024	% Change
Kg	42,826	60,668	94,720	37,333	56,705	26,616	276,042	180,591	52.9%
Value (\$Cdn)	1,030,059	1,495,007	2,355,259	1,308,201	1,667,037	852,898	7,678,402	4,017,326	91.1%

*Source: Statistics Canada (HS Code 02013010 - Bison cuts boneless, fresh or chilled and HS Code 02012010 - Bison cuts bone in, fresh or chilled)

<i>Months avg</i>	Bulls (UTM)	Heifers (UTM)	Bulls (OTM)	Cows (OTM)	Unclassified / Non classifié
Jul 2024	434.78	411.50	323.60		
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	

**source USDA*

Weight avg	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls*	Mature Cows*	For the U.S. Market	Bulls**	Heifers**
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
*source CBA survey of marketers			* over 30 months of age		** Net to producer must be adjusted for transaction and shipping costs.		

	April 2025		May 2025		June 2025		2 months prior	1 month prior
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg		
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	625 - 1,060	848.26	625 - 1,053	867.20	625 - 1,066	865.01	2.0%	-0.3%
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	1,463 - 2,350	1,860.53	1,545 - 2,350	1,838.24	1,300 - 2,500	1,942.90	4.4%	5.7%
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	1,075 - 1,693	1,377.61	1,075 - 1,969	1,383.34	1,275 - 2,113	1,442.68	4.7%	4.3%
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	1,900 - 3,663	2,549.37	22 - 3,711	2,508.71	1,925 - 3,730	2,680.69	5.2%	6.9%
Bison Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	670 - 815	750.07	700 - 850	764.51	712 - 941	783.28	4.4%	2.5%
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	726 - 1,041	781.92	625 - 1,041	781.17	650 - 1,119	860.91	10.1%	10.2%
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	600 - 1,090	821.84	736 - 1,090	836.73	761 - 1,019	852.12	3.7%	1.8%
*source USDA								

	Mid-April 2025 Pricing	Mid-May 2025 Pricing	Mid-June 2025 Pricing	Mid-July 2025 Pricing
Tenderloin	\$84.00 - \$92.00	\$84.00 - \$92.00	\$84.00 - \$92.00	\$84.00 - \$92.00
Striploin	\$48.00 - \$52.00	\$54.00 - \$58.00	\$54.00 - \$58.00	\$54.00 - \$58.00
Ribeye	\$48.00 - \$52.00	\$52.00 - \$58.00	\$52.00 - \$58.00	\$52.00 - \$58.00
Top sirloin	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$30.00 - \$32.00	\$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%	\$21.00 - \$23.00	\$23.00 - \$25.00	\$23.00 - \$25.00	\$24.00 - \$26.00
Trim 60%	\$17.00 - \$19.00	\$17.00 - \$19.00	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$18.50 - \$21.50
Ground - lean	\$24.00 - \$26.00	\$24.00 - \$28.00	\$25.00 - \$28.00	\$26.00 - \$29.00

**source CBA survey of marketers*

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		PRICE		
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 CHAMPION	SILVER 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 F	PRAIRIELAND	\$6,500	BEAR PAW	4	\$6,250	
14	2024 Mixed	Good	\$3.90	RESERVE CHAMPION	XY BISON	\$3,750	PRAIRIELAND	5	\$5,500	
31	2023 Bulls	Excellent	\$3.92	2022 BULLS		PLACING	PRICE	ROAMING K	\$4,000	
25	2023 Bulls	Good	\$3.58	SHALE CREEK	1 - GC	\$10,500	PEN of 2 - 2022 E PLACING		PRICE	
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		PRICE	
9	2023 Heifers	Good	\$3.55	2023 BULLS		PLACING	PRICE	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		PRICE	
				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	
							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 – 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.

July 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

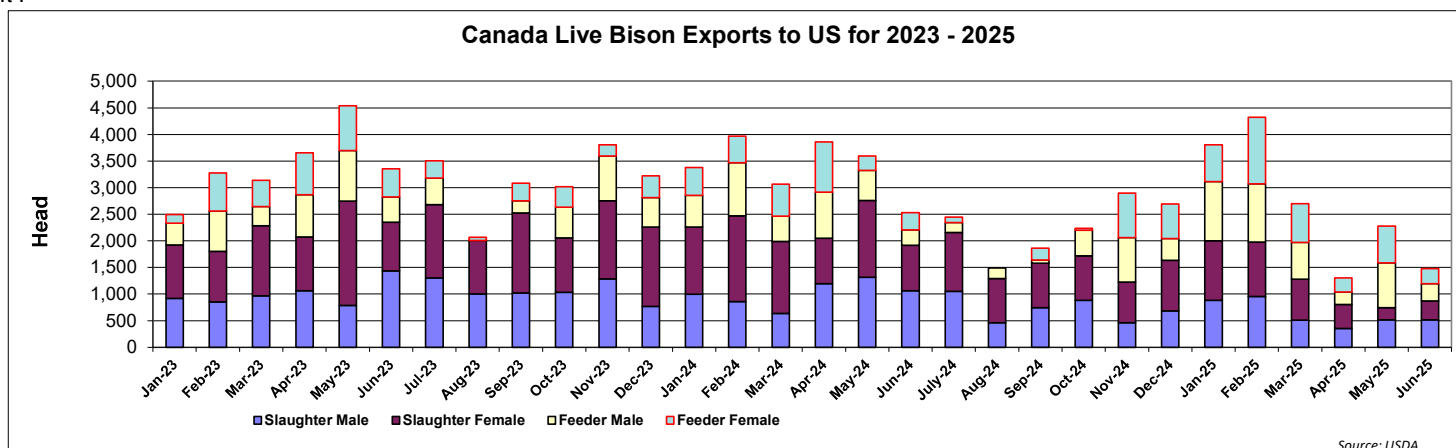
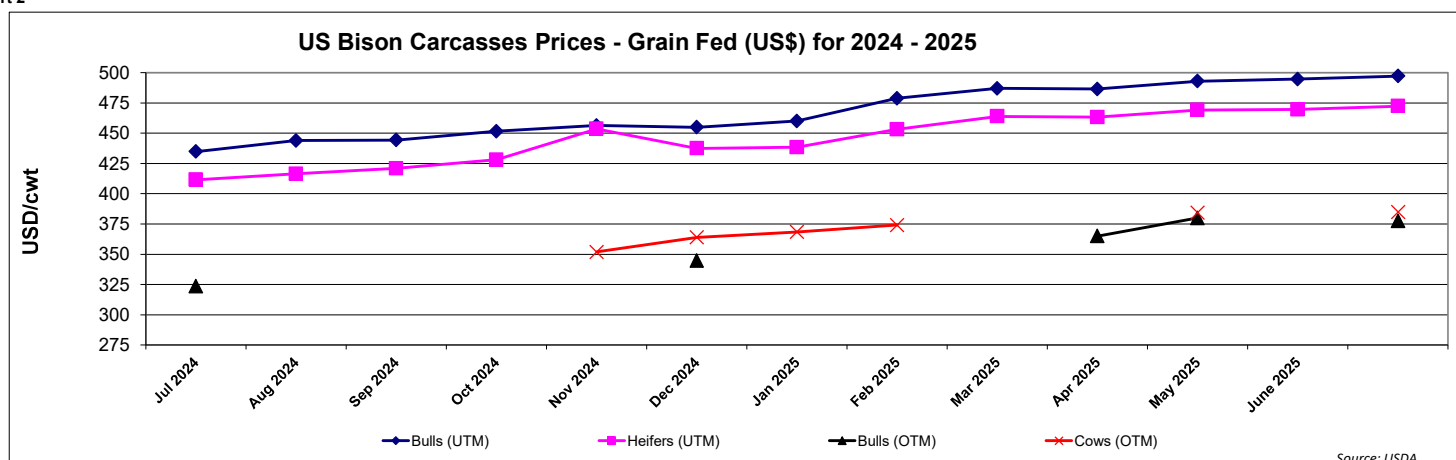


Chart 2



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
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
Ontario	52	49	60	71	6.1%		2,974	1,843	2,320	4,106
Manitoba	82	86	108	166	-4.7%		11,725	14,025	14,116	19,609
Saskatchewan	308	303	352	597	1.7%		52,860	40,418	39,343	57,395
Alberta	472	445	571	869	6.1%		65,405	54,907	57,483	97,366
British Columbia	48	55	71	121	-12.7%		14,888	6,504	9,206	12,656
Canada Total	989	975	1,211	1,898	1.4%		149,539	119,314	125,142	195,728

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