

BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Prepared by Red Meat Section/Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - July 31, 2026.



Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	30 - May	06 - June	13 - June	20 - June	27 - June	June Total	2026	January - June YTD	% Change
Total Canada	265	366	297	401	292	1,621	7,016	2025	9.8%
previous year	190	332	289	327	217	1,355		6,391	

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	May 2025	2026	2025	% Change
BC / Alberta	80	85	93	98	47	84	403	595	-32.3%
Sask / Manitoba	48	20	33	38	27	39	166	196	-15.3%
Ontario / Quebec	19	16	31	37	24	36	127	115	10.4%
Canada Total	147	121	157	173	98	159	696	906	-23.2%

	January - May YTD	2026	2025	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter		6,091	5,942	2.5%

Canadian Production

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2025	% Change
Total Slaughter	7,860	9,798	10,794	9,871	11,126	15,299	6,091	5,942	2.5%
Total Live Exports	24,574	27,986	32,362	39,170	34,034	23,877	9,553	14,412	-33.7%
Total Production	32,434	37,784	43,156	49,041	45,160	39,176	15,644	20,354	-23.1%

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

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	30 - May	06 - June	13 - June	20 - June	27 - June	June Total	2026	2025	% Change
	996	997	1,203	1,097	1061	5,354	28,058	31,874	-12.0%
previous year	1,092	1,166	1,125	1,087	1201	5,671			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Slaughter Male	490	329	423	311	353	672	2,578	3,730	-30.9%
Slaughter Female	360	572	677	342	170	378	2,499	3,953	-36.8%
Feeder Male	407	791	667	954	313	144	3,276	4,291	-23.7%
Feeder Female	292	659	428	694	321	102	2,496	3,916	-36.3%
Total	1,549	2,351	2,195	2,301	1,157	1,296	10,849	15,890	-31.7%

*source : USDA, APHIS

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

		December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	January - May YTD		
								2026	2025	% Change
United States	Kg	3,482	2,609	2,052	3,187	4,819	1,228	13,895	28,306	-50.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	150,294	138,262	78,994	142,777	150,849	47,821	558,703	354,029	57.8%
Netherlands	Kg	21,513	9,756	20,110	15,970	18,937	12,199	76,972	83,564	-7.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	853,035	378,612	807,286	582,203	622,814	406,402	2,797,317	3,334,383	-16.1%
Switzerland	Kg	3,681	2,890	1,459	1,089	2,501	1,171	9,110	11,813	-22.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	103,668	85,960	41,256	31,025	71,288	33,377	262,906	397,121	-33.8%
Italy	Kg	-	882	472	1,121	8,027	718	11,220	12,453	-9.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	45,196	19,637	54,863	285,036	34,720	439,452	410,776	7.0%
France	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Countries	Kg	-	-	692	-	-	-	692	33,107	-97.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	26,791	-	-	-	26,791	1,113,920	-97.6%
Total	Kg	28,676	16,137	24,785	21,367	34,284	15,316	111,889	169,243	-33.9%
	Value (\$Cdn)	1,106,997	648,030	973,964	810,868	1,129,987	522,320	4,085,169	5,610,229	-27.2%

Bone-in

	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Total	39,050	42,928	1,495	44,432	5,868	25,172	119,895	115,198	4.1%
	863,522	959,314	27,693	989,725	162,472	591,332	2,730,536	2,587,603	5.5%

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Kg	67,726	59,065	26,280	65,799	40,152	40,488	231,784	284,441	-18.5%
Value (\$Cdn)	1,970,519	1,607,344	1,001,657	1,800,593	1,292,459	1,113,652	6,815,705	8,197,832	-16.9%

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

wqhtd avg

	Bulls (UTM)	Heifers (UTM)	Bulls (OTM)	Cows (OTM)
June 2025	494.66	469.59		
July 2025	497.17	472.33	377.61	385.00
Aug 2025	498.47	473.18		
Sep 2025	501.36	476.21		
Oct 2025	500.95	474.88		383.13
Nov 2025	501.91	481.59		412.34
Dec 2025	504.84	480.98	416.83	414.83
Jan 2026	506.19	479.76		420.68
Feb 2026	511.63	488.47		
Mar 2026	514.75			424.97
Apr 2026	520.51	496.88		
May 2026				
June 2026	529.37	503.50		

*source USDA

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***Due to confidentiality guidelines not being met, USDA does not have any May data available for US Bison Carcasses.

wghtd avg

	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls*	Mature Cows*
Jul 2025	645 - 700	620 - 665		
Aug 2025	645 - 700	620 - 665		
Sept 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Oct 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Nov 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Dec 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Jan 2026	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Feb 2026	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Mar 2026	645 - 700	630 - 685		
Apr 2026	675 - 710	675 - 700		
May 2026	685 - 710	685 - 710		
June 2026	700 - 735	695 - 720		
July 2026	700 - 735	695 - 720		

*source CBA survey of marketers

* over 30 months of age

	Bulls**	Heifers**
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	Buns	Members
Jul 2025	495 - 510	455 - 480
Aug 2025	495 - 510	455 - 480
Sept 2025	495 - 515	460 - 485
Oct 2025	495 - 515	460 - 485
Nov 2025	495 - 515	460 - 485
Dec 2025	495 - 515	460 - 485
Jan 2026	495 - 515	460 - 485
Feb 2026	495 - 515	460 - 485
Mar 2026	495 - 515	460 - 485
Apr 2026	500 - 525	475 - 500
May 2026	500 - 525	475 - 500
June 2026	510 - 535	485 - 515
July 2026	510 - 535	490 - 515

** Net to producer must be adjusted for transaction and shipping costs.

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*source USDA

	Mid-April 2026 Pricing	Mid-May 2026 Pricing	Mid-June 2026 Pricing	Mid-July 2026 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	\$54.00 - \$59.00	\$54.00 - \$59.00	\$54.00 - \$59.00	\$54.00 - \$59.00
Top sirloin	\$33.00 - \$35.00	\$33.00 - \$35.00	\$33.00 - \$35.00	\$33.00 - \$35.00
Inside round	\$32.00 - \$35.00	\$32.00 - \$35.00	\$32.00 - \$35.00	\$32.00 - \$35.00
Trim 90%	\$25.00 - \$26.00	\$25.00 - \$26.00	\$25.00 - \$26.00	\$25.00 - \$26.00
Trim 60%	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$19.00 - \$22.00	\$18.50 - \$21.50
Ground - lean	\$27.00 - \$30.00	\$27.00 - \$30.00	\$27.00 - \$30.00	\$27.00 - \$30.00

*source CBA survey of marketers

Jack Auction Group (SK) - May 21, 2026

Jack Auction Group (SR) - May 21, 2026 Video Bison Sale				No Bidders Show and Sale 2025 April 05, 2025 Jack Auction Group (SK)								
Qty.	Age / Sex	Quality / Type	Price/Lbs.	Qty.	Age	Sex / Type	Quality	Weight	CDN/Price/Lbs.	CDN/per HEAD	USD/Lbs. Rapid City	USD/per HEAD - Delivered to Rapid City, SD
54	2025 Bulls	Good/Excellent	\$4.87	90	2025	BULLS	PLATINUM+	585	\$ 5.40	\$ 3,159.00	\$ 4.13	\$ 2,415.57
36	2025 Heifers	Good/Excellent	\$4.87	30	2025	BULLS	PLATINUM+	585	\$ 5.31	\$ 3,106.35	\$ 4.06	\$ 2,377.14
54	2025 50/50 Bulls/Heifers	80% Good, 20% Medium	\$4.61	90	2025	HEIFERS	PLATINUM+	535	\$ 4.64	\$ 2,482.40	\$ 3.59	\$ 1,921.65
	28	2025		BULLS	PLATINUM+	575	\$ 5.50	\$ 3,162.50	\$ 4.21	\$ 2,418.13		
	31	2025		HEIFERS	PLATINUM+	550	\$ 5.10	\$ 2,805.00	\$ 3.92	\$ 2,157.15		
	23	2024		BULLS	PLATINUM+	800	\$ 4.50	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3.42	\$ 2,737.50		
	14	2024		HEIFERS	PLATINUM+	700	\$ 4.01	\$ 2,807.00	\$ 3.08	\$ 2,158.61		
	24	2023		BRED	HEIFERS	1150	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3.65	\$ 4,197.50		
	28	2025		BULLS	GOOD	510	\$ 5.23	\$ 2,667.30	\$ 4.03	\$ 2,056.63		
	19	2025		HEIFERS	GOOD	430	\$ 4.60	\$ 1,978.00	\$ 3.61	\$ 1,553.44		
	48	2025		BULLS	GOOD	450	\$ 5.91	\$ 2,659.50	\$ 4.56	\$ 2,050.94		
38	2025	HEIFERS	GOOD	380	\$ 4.90	\$ 1,862.00	\$ 3.87	\$ 1,468.76				
35	2019	BRED	COWS	1100				\$ 4,525.00	\$ 3.17	\$ 3,485.75		
7		CULL	COWS	1050	\$ 3.35	\$ 3,517.50	\$ 2.62	\$ 2,750.28				
40		CULL	COWS	1100	\$ 3.61	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 2.80	\$ 3,081.33				

Commentary

By Executive Director, CBA

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Bison Marketplace – July 2026

From January 1 to the end of July 2026 (comparisons are for the same time period in 2025):

- 8421 heads of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 10% higher than the 7661 animals slaughtered in 2025 over the approximate same time frame.
- In the United States, 33,268 bison were slaughtered in US federally inspected plants. For the same time period in 2025, 36,725 bison were slaughtered in US federal plants. That's a 9% decrease year over year.
- According to most current USDA data, Canada exported 3276 feeder males (in 2025 the number was 4,448, a 26% decrease YOY), 2,496 feeder females (3,983, 37% decrease), 3,029 slaughter males (4,210 28% decrease) and 2,767 slaughter females (4,385 37% decrease)
- In total, 11,977 animals were exported to the US, compared to 17,212 last year. This is a 30% decrease. Movement of live animals to the US continues to be slow.

Current Prices:

Prices for prime finished bulls for the Canadian market have continued to be strong. Recent sales have shown highs of \$735/CWT HHW with heifers up to \$720/CWT. Canadian bison headed to the US reached highs of \$535 (USD) for bulls and \$515 (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

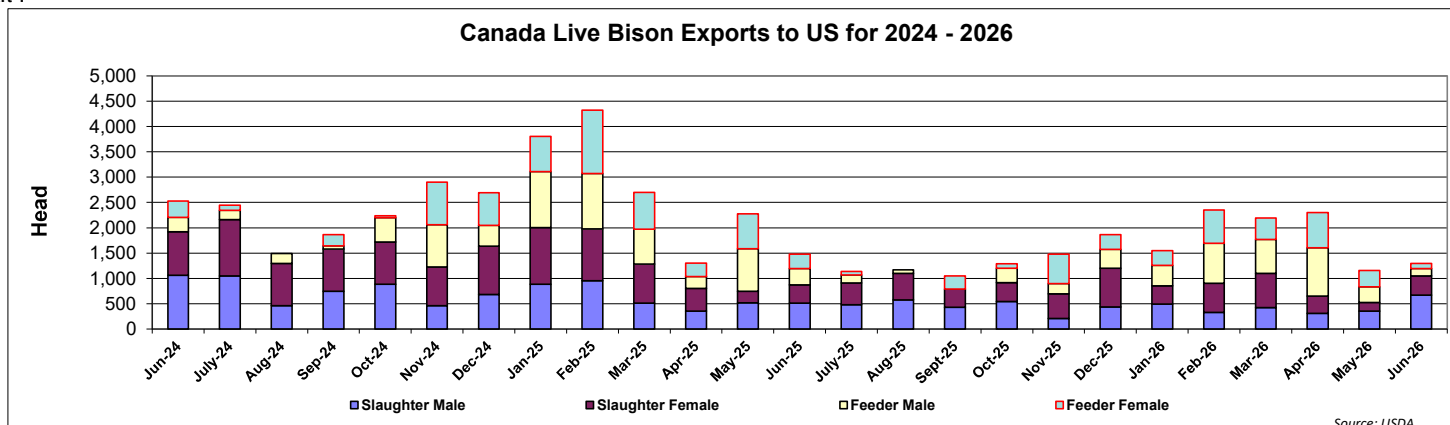
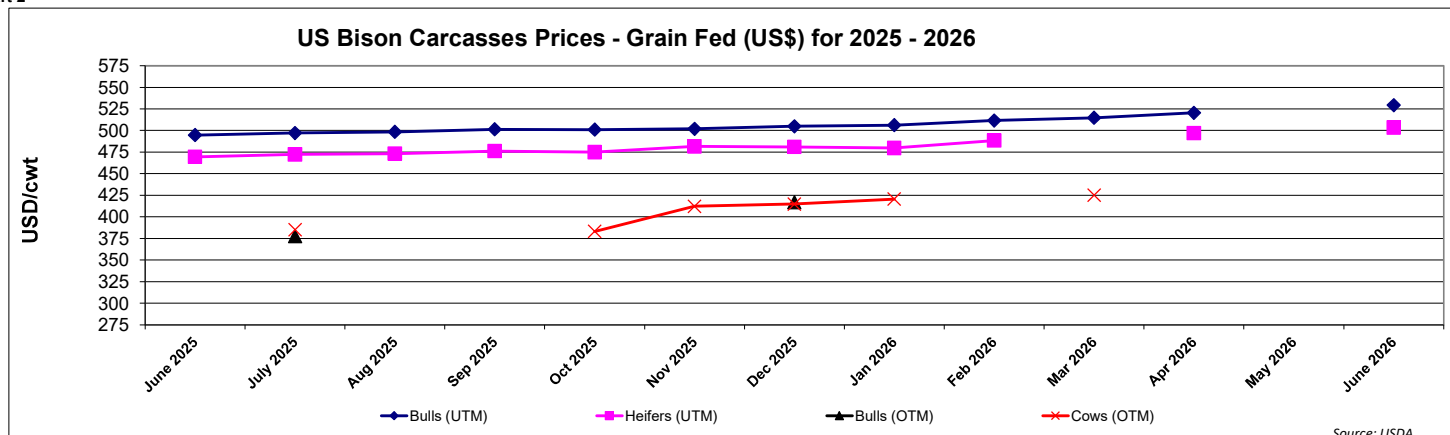


Chart 2



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

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