

BISON MARKET AND SUPPLY UPDATE

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



Weekly Federally Inspected Slaughter

for week ending:	04 - July	11 - July	18 - July	25 - July	July Total	2026	2025	% Change
Total Canada	252	265	309	322	1,148	8,164	7,392	10.4%
previous year	311	190	259	241	1,001			

Provincially Inspected Slaughter

	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	June 2025	2026	2025	% Change
BC / Alberta	85	93	98	47	65	65	468	660	-29.1%
Sask / Manitoba	20	33	38	27	57	38	223	234	-4.7%
Ontario / Quebec	16	31	37	24	42	34	169	149	13.4%
Canada Total	121	157	173	98	164	137	860	1,043	-17.5%

	January - June YTD	2026	2025	% Change
Total Canadian Federal and Provincial Slaughter		7,876	7,434	5.9%

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	7,876	7,434	5.9%
Total Live Exports	24,574	27,986	32,362	39,170	34,034	23,877	10,849	15,890	-31.7%
Total Production	32,434	37,784	43,156	49,041	45,160	39,176	18,725	23,324	-19.7%

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

US Federal Slaughter*

for week ending:	04 - July	11 - July	18 - July	25 - July	July Total	2026	2025	% Change
	923	1,095	1,063	1,126	4,207	32,265	36,725	-12.1%
previous year	1,071	1,337	1,231	1,212	4,851			

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

Canada Live Bison Exports to US

	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Slaughter Male	329	423	311	353	672	451	3,029	4,210	-28.1%
Slaughter Female	572	677	342	170	378	268	2,767	4,385	-36.9%
Feeder Male	791	667	954	313	144	0	3,276	4,448	-26.3%
Feeder Female	659	428	694	321	102	0	2,496	3,983	-37.3%
Total	2,351	2,195	2,301	1,157	1,296	719	11,568	17,026	-32.1%

*source : USDA, APHIS

Canadian Fresh or Chilled Bison Meat Exports

Boneless		January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	January - June YTD		
								2026	2025	% Change
United States	Kg	2,609	2,052	3,187	4,819	1,228	1,480	15,375	28,829	-46.7%
	Value (\$Cdn)	138,262	78,994	142,777	150,849	47,821	70,246	628,949	378,533	66.2%
Netherlands	Kg	9,756	20,110	15,970	18,937	12,199	15,016	91,988	99,317	-7.4%
	Value (\$Cdn)	378,612	807,286	582,203	622,814	406,402	707,394	3,504,711	3,926,752	-10.7%
Switzerland	Kg	2,890	1,459	1,089	2,501	1,171	1,400	10,510	15,630	-32.8%
	Value (\$Cdn)	85,960	41,256	31,025	71,288	33,377	39,900	302,806	505,907	-40.1%
Italy	Kg	882	472	1,121	8,027	718	5,169	16,389	12,675	29.3%
	Value (\$Cdn)	45,196	19,637	54,863	285,036	34,720	208,972	648,424	421,600	53.8%
France	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	Kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Countries	Kg	-	692	-	-	-	-	692	46,143	-98.5%
	Value (\$Cdn)	-	26,791	-	-	-	-	26,791	1,660,880	-98.4%
Total	Kg	16,137	24,785	21,367	34,284	15,316	23,065	134,954	202,954	-33.4%
	Value (\$Cdn)	648,030	973,964	810,868	1,129,987	522,320	1,026,512	5,111,681	6,893,672	-25.8%

Bone-in

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Total	42,928	1,495	44,432	5,868	25,172	17,754	137,649	117,786	16.9%
	959,314	27,693	989,725	162,472	591,332	485,120	3,215,656	2,614,782	23.0%

Total Exports, Boneless and Bone-in

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Kg	59,065	26,280	65,799	40,152	40,488	40,819	272,603	320,380	-14.9%
Value (\$Cdn)	1,607,344	1,001,657	1,800,593	1,292,459	1,113,652	1,511,632	8,327,337	9,508,454	-12.4%

*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						Unclassified / Non classifié
	Bulls (UTM)	Heifers (UTM)	Bulls (OTM)	Cows (OTM)		
July 2025	497.17	472.33	377.61	385.00	***Due to confidentiality guidelines not being met, USDA does not have any May data available for US Bison Carcasses.	
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				
July 2026	541.91	516.29				
*source USDA						

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

wghtd avg						For the U.S. Market – carcass prices per CWT in USD
	Bulls	Heifers	Mature Bulls*	Mature Cows*		
Aug 2025	645 - 700	620 - 665			Aug 2025	Bulls** 495 - 510 Heifers** 455 - 480
Sept 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685			Sept 2025	495 - 515 460 - 485
Oct 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685			Oct 2025	495 - 515 460 - 485
Nov 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685			Nov 2025	495 - 515 460 - 485
Dec 2025	645 - 700	630 - 685			Dec 2025	495 - 515 460 - 485
Jan 2026	645 - 700	630 - 685			Jan 2026	495 - 515 460 - 485
Feb 2026	645 - 700	630 - 685			Feb 2026	495 - 515 460 - 485
Mar 2026	645 - 700	630 - 685			Mar 2026	495 - 515 460 - 485
Apr 2026	675 - 710	675 - 700			Apr 2026	500 - 525 475 - 500
May 2026	685 - 710	685 - 710			May 2026	500 - 525 475 - 500
June 2026	700 - 735	695 - 720			June 2026	510 - 535 485 - 515
July 2026	700 - 735	695 - 720			July 2026	510 - 535 490 - 515
Aug 2026	700 - 735	695 - 720			Aug 2026	510 - 540 490 - 520
* 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 2026		June 2026		July 2026		% Change Current Month vs.	
	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	Range	Wt. Avg	2 months prior	1 month prior
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	747 - 1,146	903.32	747 - 1,151	947.19	747 - 1,192	909.19	0.6%	-4.0%
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	1520 - 2454	2,039.22	1544 - 2430	2,055.87	1,527 - 2,595	2,072.19	1.6%	0.8%
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	1100 - 1875	1,388.80	970 - 2100	1,394.78	1,250 - 2,100	1,465.22	5.5%	5.1%
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	2469 - 4,200	2,511.53	2500 - 4,158	2,941.17	2,508 - 4,185	2,559.14	1.9%	-13.0%
Bison Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	760 - 1,025	846.60	850 - 1,010	866.99	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gmd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gmd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
*source USDA								

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

	Mid-May 2026 Pricing	Mid-June 2026 Pricing	Mid-July 2026 Pricing	Mid-August 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	\$55.00 - \$60.00
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	\$25.50 - \$26.50
Trim 60%	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$19.00 - \$22.00	\$18.50 - \$21.50	\$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				

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

Jack Auction Group (SK) - May 21, 2026 Video Bison Sale				No Borders 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
	2025 50/50	80% Good, 20%		90	2025	HEIFERS	PLATINUM+	535	\$ 4.64	\$ 2,482.40	\$ 3.59	\$ 1,921.65
54	Bulls/Heifers	Medium	\$4.61	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 – August 2026

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

- 9503 head of bison were slaughtered at federally inspected plants in Canada. This is 10% higher than the 9637 animals slaughtered in 2025 over the approximate same time frame.
- In the United States, 37,424 bison were slaughtered in US federally inspected plants. For the same time period in 2025, 42,284 bison were slaughtered in US federal plants. That's a 11% decrease year over year.
- According to most current USDA data, Canada exported 3276 feeder males (in 2025 the number was 4,514, a 27% decrease YOY), 2,496 feeder females (3,983, 37% decrease), 3,226 slaughter males (4,782 33% decrease) and 3,061 slaughter females (4,913 38% decrease)
- In total 12 468 animals were exported to the US compared to 18 378 last year This is a 32% 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 \$540 (USD) for bulls and \$520 (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

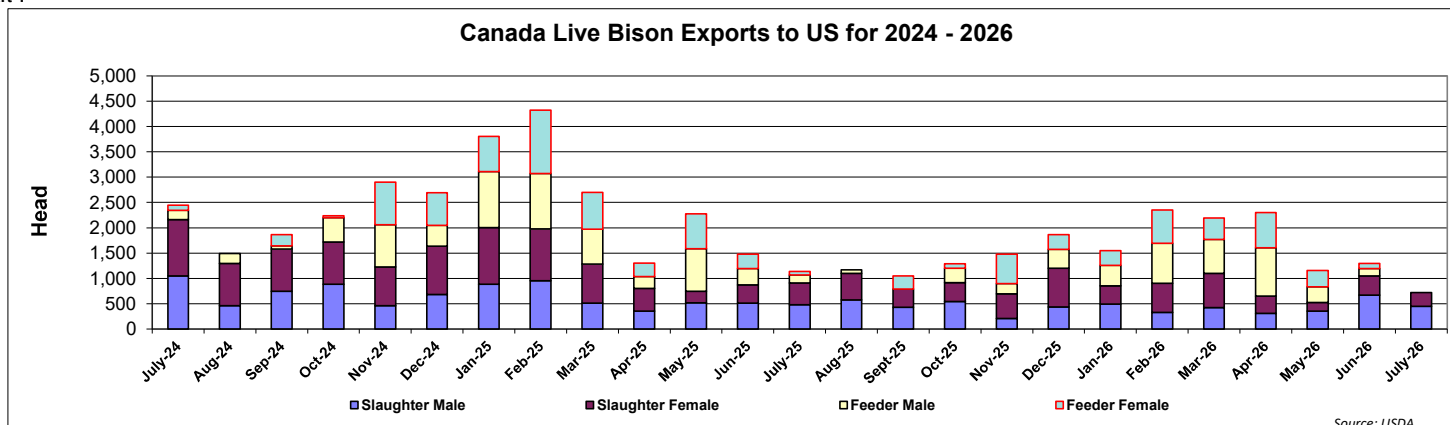
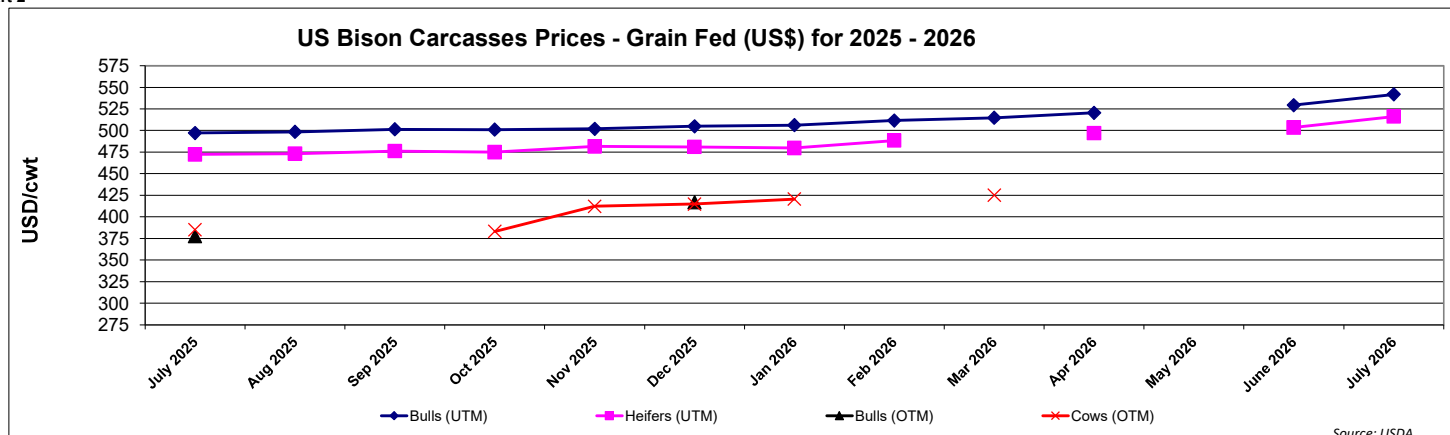


Chart 2



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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