National Monthly Bison Report

Agricultural Marketing Service
Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News

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For the Month of: May

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*****Please Note Report Enchancements: Total Submitted Volume (Wholesale), Kidneys (Wholesale), The Monthly Bison Auction Summary ***** For the month of April, total submitted wholesale volume was 943,830 lbs. Compared to March, prices of Wholesale Cuts were lower on steady to higher volume. Prices of Wholesale Trim and Grind were mostly higher with higher volume compared to March. Live Canadian imports for April (4 wks) were 53 percent lower and FIS Actual Slaughter was 34 percent lower than March (4 wks).

Livestock Slaughter

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants *

Weekending	Head Count
5/3/2025	1014
5/10/2025	984
5/17/2025	1222
5/24/2025	966
5/31/2025	1092
Monthly Total	5278
YTD:	27295

* not necessarily inspected

Canadian Live Imports

Canadian Live Imports to U.S.

	Feeder		Slaughter		Breeding/Genetic	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
	134	229	74	59	0	0
	211	274	105	72	0	0
	294	46	115	28	0	0
	93	83	81	18	0	0
	109	59	140	53		
	841	691	515	230	0	0
	3968	3633	3216	3595	58	96

Source: USDA, APHIS

Livestock

Weaned Calves *

	Bulls under 400 lbs	Bulls over 400 lbs
2024	3272	3176
2023	4106	3424
2022	3629	4705

	Heifers under 400 lbs	Heifers over 400 lbs
2024	3586	2535
2023	4270	3183
2022	4491	3597

Bison Carcasses

Grain Fed

FOB Plant - ($/CWT)

Class	Head	Carc. Wt.	Price Range			Weighted Avg	Previous Month	Previous Year
Young Bulls*	1386	663	474.00	–	495.00	492.92	486.49	425.80
Young Heifers*	1052	571	455.00	–	470.00	469.23	463.24	399.32
Aged Bulls *	45	1247	380.00	–	380.00	380.00	365.00	0.00
Aged Cows *	50	544	380.00	–	385.00	384.30	0.00	329.11
Total	**2,533**							

* Animals under the age of 30 months are classified as young, while animals older than 30 months are considered part of the aged classification.

Bison Cuts

Grain Fed

Wholesale - ($/CWT)

Cut/Primal	lbs	Price Range	Weighted Avg	Previous Month	Previous Year
Total Submitted Volume (lbs)	**611,022**			**943,830**	
Chuck				848.26	720.64
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	23785	625.00 - 1053.00	867.20		
Rib/Loin				1860.53	1563.14
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	27218	1545.00 - 2350.00	1838.24		
Loin				1377.61	1178.51
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	13995	1075.00 - 1969.00	1383.34	1042.03	971.54
Top Sirloin, Fresh/Frozen	2756	750.00 - 1255.00	834.78	2549.37	2479.89
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	12222	22.00 - 3711.00	2508.71		
Round				860.11	753.13
Round Cuts Fresh/Frozen	19672	680.00 - 1114.00	902.35		
Trimmings/Ground				750.07	562.61
Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	85219	700.00 - 850.00	764.51	0.00	0.00
Trimmings 80%, Fresh/Frozen	35047	625.00 - 715.00	639.00	0.00	0.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	16760	625.00 - 927.00	788.46	781.92	766.49
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	75227	625.00 - 1041.00	781.17		
Patties				0.00	0.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen				821.84	749.23
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	47124	736.00 - 1090.00	836.73		
Offal**				**Previous Quarter**	**Q2 Prev Year**
Hearts, Fresh/Frozen				429.79	428.16
Kidneys, Fresh/Frozen				165.45	
Livers, Fresh/Frozen				156.84	199.32
Tongues, Fresh/Frozen				306.65	359.47

Case Ready - ($/CWT)

				Previous Month	Previous Year
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	234996	755.00 - 899.00	799.41	794.19	713.10
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	9158	805.00 - 835.00	817.47	0.00	
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	3343	820.00 - 895.00	853.54	797.51	
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	4500	798.00 - 870.00	831.81	0.00	

Grass Fed

Direct to Consumer - ($/LBS)

Cut/Primal	Price Range	Weighted Avg	Previous Month	Previous Year
Chuck				
Chuck Roast	13.99 - 23.12	17.63	17.46	17.36
Flat Iron	23.00 - 23.00	23.00	21.50	0.00
Brisket	12.52 - 24.58	16.04	15.44	14.92
Ribs				
Ribeye Steaks	32.95 - 69.28	48.18	45.56	45.12
Prime Rib	30.95 - 57.35	44.15	42.79	49.65
Back Ribs	15.48 - 15.48	15.48	14.74	15.31
Loin				
T-Bones Steaks	34.72 - 34.72	34.72	34.72	0.00
Porterhouse Steaks			0.00	0.00
Tenderloin	41.43 - 91.66	65.86	64.99	73.95
Filet Mignon	43.89 - 115.28	77.82	70.43	73.28
New York Strip	30.61 - 59.72	43.02	42.39	41.79
Round				
Eye of Round Roast	21.59 - 21.59	21.59	21.55	19.63
Top Sirloin	25.41 - 48.04	35.80	34.65	34.08
Sirloin Tip	15.99 - 19.03	17.54	17.24	16.53
Ground				
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	13.99 - 22.49	17.01	14.90	16.05
Ground Bison (Patties)	14.99 - 23.39	19.29	17.52	17.46
Other/Misc.				
Flank Steak	14.98 - 40.00	23.18	26.52	22.12
Skirt Steak	16.45 - 40.00	25.48	23.82	30.82
Stew Meat	13.00 - 27.99	19.54	18.83	18.79
Jerky	61.24 - 74.56	67.90	61.47	58.44
Hot Dogs	15.95 - 25.36	20.66	20.05	18.95
Offal				
Hearts	8.00 - 34.32	22.77	18.67	27.85
Livers	6.00 - 21.99	15.65	16.76	22.87
Tongues	5.14 - 19.45	10.77	10.04	9.54

Bison Meat Imports/Exports

Canada - Imports

	Apr-2025	Apr-2024	May-2024	YTD - 2025	YTD - 2024
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	9,259	1,764	1,764	48,942	6,612
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	13,889	74,516	24,471	248,020	229,942

Mexico - Exports

	Apr-2025	Apr-2024	May-2024	YTD - 2025	YTD - 2024
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	200,841	238,099	400,139	836,433	753,760

Data Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Live Bison

ly Bison Auction Summary

Total Monthly Receipts of Reported Auctions: 0

Combined summary report for the month of May no auctions to report.

Please note: Weights are not provided for all animals sold and are therefore not a component of the report. Average weights for the sample of animals with provided weights are as follows: **Calves** (Bulls- lbs, Heifers - lbs), **2YO** (Bulls - lbs, Heifers - lbs), **Mature** (Bulls - lbs).

Class	Classification	Head	Price Range ($/HD)	Weighted Avg	Previous Month	Previous Year
Calves	Bull	0			1516.18	
	Heifer	0			949.26	
Yearlings	Bull	0			0.00	
	Heifer	0			0.00	
2 YO	Bull	0			1986.36	
	Heifer	0			1304.76	
Mature	Bull	0			3350.00	
	Cow	0			0.00	
Bred	Heifer	0			0.00	
	Cow	0			0.00	
Pairs ($/Pair)	Cow/Calf	0			0.00	

Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of bison offered for sale via auction. There may be instances some auctions or animals are not included.

Explanatory Notes:

*Weaned Calves - Headcounts collected on a yearly basis, usually during the Spring.

**Wholesale Offal - Prices reported on a quarterly basis. (April, July, October, January). Not included in Total Submitted Volume.

Bison Meat Imports/Exports - Respresents the most current data available.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News

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