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USDA Market News

MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of April

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Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally :Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S.
Inspected Plants (not necessarily      for April:                               Head
inspected)      Bison                  :
W/E 4/7/18      1014                   :Slaughter Male                               783
W/E 4/14/18     1004                   :Slaughter Female                              478
W/E 4/21/18     935                    :Feeder Male                                 140
W/E 4/28/18     1039                   :Feeder Female                               45
                                           :Total                                      1446
Total           3,992                  :Source: USDA, APHIS
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Bison Carcasses: Compared to March Report: Bison carcass prices, regardless of age or sex, remained steady, with the exception of aged bulls which trended \$10.00 lower. Total number of head reported decreased slightly due to April being a 4 week month, while March was a 5 week month. compared to last month. Canadian Imports into the U.S. decreased by 8%.

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Bison Carcasses-GRAIN FED-(Hot Carcass Wt $/Cwt)FOB Plant Basis
CLASS -----Avg Carc Wt -----Hd -----Price Range-----Wghtd Avg ---
**Young Bull           605           1,299      475.00-   550.00      492.86
**Young Heif           545           1,226      455.00-   550.00      471.57
**Aged Bulls           940            195      390.00-   705.00      398.08
**Aged Cows            591            94       410.00-   450.00      414.52
Total                  2,814
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Bison Meat: Compared to March report: Prices for whole muscle cuts and grinds were in a full range. However, total weight reported remained steady to decreased for all cuts as a result of decreased head reported. Processors saw an increase in demand due to the approaching summer grilling season.

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BISON MEAT - GRAIN FED - Wholesale -      ($/Cwt)
-----Lbs -----Price Range-----Wghtd Avg ---
Ribeye, Lip-On Fresh    27,948    1,336.00-  1,475.00    1,347.64
Ribeye, Lip-On Frozen    1,701    1,450.00-  1,450.00    1,450.00
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh    40,522     678.00-   850.00     684.38
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen    1,494    1,494.00-  1,494.00     850.00
Top Round Fresh          4,613     789.00-   789.00     789.00
Top Round Frozen          213     875.00-   875.00     875.00
Peeled Knuckle Fresh     1,545     771.00-   785.00     771.76
Peeled Knuckle Frozen      618     870.00-   870.00     870.00
Flats, Outside Round Fresh 1,303     690.00-   690.00     690.00
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Flats, Outside Round Frozen	1,772	865.00-	865.00	865.00
Eye of Round Fresh	3,106	742.00-	819.00	773.51
Eye of Round Frozen				
Strip Loin Fresh	11,769	1,305.00-	1,330.00	1,306.46
Strip Loin Frozen	398	1,275.00-	1,275.00	1,275.00
Top Sirloin Fresh	5,505	783.00-	868.00	796.12
Top Sirloin Frozen	347	920.00-	920.00	920.00
Tenderloin Fresh	9,816	1,805.00-	2,056.00	2,036.96
Tenderloin Frozen	2,563	1,825.00-	1,825.00	1,825.00

Hearts	2,210	319.00-	390.00	335.93
Livers	9,469	215.00-	296.00	269.69
Tongues	30	390.00-	390.00	390.00

Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	42,423	602.00-	770.00	620.00
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	4,956	765.00-	765.00	765.00
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	21,945	680.00-	735.00	729.40

Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	48,972	646.00-	646.00	646.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen				
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh				
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	66,401	735.00-	810.00	757.76
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen				
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh				
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	34,224	766.00-	830.00	776.00

GROUND BISON - GRAIN FED - Case Ready (\$/Cwt)

	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Wghtd Avg	----
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	544,790	715.00-	725.00	715.81
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen				
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	3,784	917.00-	917.00	917.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	21,607	739.00-	760.00	752.00

BISON MEAT - GRASS FED - DIRECT (\$/POUND) FROZEN

	-----Lbs	-----Price Range	-----Simple Avg	-----
Ribeye Steaks		18.00-	52.40	31.12
Filet Mignon		20.99-	65.86	46.36
New York Strip		14.46-	49.00	29.83
Flat Iron		10.95-	17.50	13.68
Flank Steak		11.94-	19.99	15.11
Skirt Steak		11.99-	28.99	16.53
Chuck Roast		9.95-	18.49	13.29
Eye of Round Roast		9.95-	15.93	12.20
Top Sirloin		14.00-	42.00	25.95
Sirloin Tip		10.66-	20.00	13.58
Brisket		7.00-	23.95	13.55
Ribs		7.00-	19.59	12.21
Prime Rib		17.78-	43.31	33.11
Tenderloin		19.99-	64.00	42.93

Stew Meat	8.57-	18.50	13.20
Jerky	37.50-	71.93	52.72
Hearts	4.00-	13.90	8.34
Livers	4.00-	20.38	9.61
Tongues	4.00-	14.99	7.67
Hot Dogs	11.90-	19.50	15.73
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	8.69-	18.21	12.93
Ground Bison (Patties)	8.72-	18.21	13.61

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

Canadian Fresh Chilled Bison Meat Imports into U.S.

	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	95,901	110,231	233,029	347,228
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	10,141	661	235,895	148,592

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

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