



National Monthly Bison Report

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For the Month of: **Dec**

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Special Note: **The USDA-NASS & FAS data used to populate this data is not currently available. This information will be reported as soon as possible.**

For the month of December, total submitted wholesale volume was 748,966 lbs. Compared to November, prices of Wholesale Cuts were lower on steady volume. Prices of Wholesale Trim and Grind was lower on lower volume compared to November. Live Canadian imports for December (4 wks) were 26 percent higher and FIS Actual Slaughter was 6 percent lower than November (4 wks).

Livestock Slaughter		Canadian Live Imports						Livestock		
Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants *		Canadian Live Imports to U.S.						Weaned Calves *		
<u>Weekending</u>	<u>Head Count</u>	<u>Feeder</u>		<u>Slaughter</u>		<u>Breeding/Genetic</u>		<u>Bulls</u>		<u>Bulls</u>
		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>under 400 lbs</u>		<u>over 400 lbs</u>
12/6/2025	1239	101	185	46	245	0	0	2024	3272	3176
12/13/2025	1163	212	108	178	216	0	0	2023	4106	3424
12/20/2025	1505	59	0	202	275	2	0	2022	3629	4705
12/27/2025	995	0	0	8	30	0	0		<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Heifers</u>
								<u>under 400 lbs</u>		<u>over 400 lbs</u>
Monthly Total	4902	372	293	434	766	2	0	2024	3586	2535
YTD:	57788	4996	4914	5959	6143	76	110	2023	4270	3183
								2022	4491	3597

* not necessarily inspected

Source: USDA, APHIS

Bison Carcasses

Grain Fed

FOB Plant - (\$/CWT)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Carc. Wt.</u>	<u>Price Range</u>		<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Young Bulls*	1298	643	503.00	- 506.00	504.84	501.91	454.90
Young Heifers*	1171	561	475.00	- 485.00	480.98	481.59	437.47
Aged Bulls *	41	965	370.00	- 430.00	416.83		344.76
Aged Cows *	477	518	373.00	- 430.00	414.83	412.34	363.27
Total	2,987						

* 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)					
<u>Cut/Primal</u>	<u>lbs</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Total Submitted Volume (lbs)	748,966			1,176,934	
<u>Chuck</u>					
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	27941	625.00 - 1102.00	857.68	870.5222361	791.1645028
<u>Rib/Loin</u>					
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	22525	1509.00 - 2525.00	1728.68	2041.04	1714.73
<u>Loin</u>					
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	12577	945.00 - 1950.00	1183.35	1462.79	1312.26
Top Sirloin, Fresh/Frozen	642	888.00 - 1655.00	939.51	1066.50	965.27
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	13108	1800.00 - 4148.00	2159.34	2710.55	2518.33
<u>Round</u>					
Round Cuts Fresh/Frozen	31927	688.00 - 1118.00	881.61	942.86	874.21
<u>Trimmings/Ground</u>					
Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	70662	750.00 - 1015.00	829.68	843.90	688.44
Trimmings 80%, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					835.21
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	94631	761.00 - 1237.00	810.46	837.80	741.21
<u>Patties</u>					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen				882.39	758.57
<u>Offal**</u>				<u>Previous Quarter</u>	<u>Q4 Prev Year</u>
Hearts, Fresh/Frozen	26918	375.00 - 680.00	464.45	452.17	414.67
Kidneys, Fresh/Frozen	5509	1.25 400.00	189.54	203.01	
Livers, Fresh/Frozen	63601	70.00 - 535.00	135.14	132.44	180.99
Tongues, Fresh/Frozen	16144	95.00 - 663.00	304.98	353.37	380.62
Case Ready - (\$/CWT)					
				<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	403817	625.00 - 1196.00	723.11	805.41	759.51
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					

Grass Fed				
Direct to Consumer - (\$/LBS)				
<u>Cut/Primal</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>Chuck</u>				
Chuck Roast	13.42 - 27.33	18.07	18.39	17.39
Flat Iron	18.40 - 18.40	18.40	21.44	20.44
Brisket	12.52 - 30.00	17.69	22.30	16.89
<u>Ribs</u>				
Ribeye Steaks	33.95 - 76.32	52.39	52.39	45.39
Prime Rib	70.00 - 70.00	70.00	70.00	42.79
Back Ribs	24.32 - 24.32	24.32	24.32	16.85
<u>Loin</u>				
T-Bones Steaks	34.72 - 34.72	34.72	34.72	33.96
Porterhouse Steaks				
Tenderloin	49.95 - 105.00	84.98	74.69	73.32
Filet Mignon	43.89 - 140.00	90.03	84.60	75.65
New York Strip	30.88 - 60.20	45.46	47.25	41.96
<u>Round</u>				
Eye of Round Roast	28.00 - 28.00	28.00	28.00	21.59
Top Sirloin	16.92 - 57.00	33.46	37.28	34.28
Sirloin Tip	15.99 - 24.00	19.46	20.00	17.43
<u>Ground</u>				
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	11.00 - 24.39	18.00	17.72	16.55
Ground Bison (Patties)	12.00 - 25.99	18.71	18.73	17.24
<u>Other/Misc.</u>				
Flank Steak	16.48 - 44.00	26.44	27.38	24.95
Skirt Steak	16.45 - 44.00	27.11	26.11	27.27
Stew Meat	13.00 - 30.00	22.12	22.12	18.91
Jerky	72.00 - 78.00	75.00	75.00	61.10
Hot Dogs	15.95 - 32.00	23.98	23.98	20.05
<u>Offal</u>				
Hearts	8.00 - 44.00	24.75	24.75	22.23
Livers	6.00 - 34.40	14.60	17.10	16.76
Tongues	6.00 - 22.88	14.44	12.29	10.33

Bison Meat Imports/Exports

Canada - Imports

	<u>Nov-2025</u>	<u>Nov-2024</u>	<u>Dec-2024</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2024</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	**	9,259	10,362	376,989	73,412
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	**	78,264	40,124	260,807	531,755

Mexico - Exports

	<u>Nov-2025</u>	<u>Nov-2024</u>	<u>Dec-2024</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2024</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	**	199,959	198,857	3,622,195	2,209,252

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

Live Bison

Monthly Bison Auction Summary

Total Monthly Receipts of Reported Auctions: 6

Combined summary report for the month of December included 6 auctions. Noted origins of bison sold include: CO, ID, IN, MO, ND, SD, OR, OH, UT, WY.

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- 404 lbs, Heifers - 400 lbs), **Yearlings** (Bulls- 719 lbs, Heifers- 668 lbs) **2YO** (Bulls - 842 lbs, Heifers - 821 lbs), **Mature** (Bulls - 1355 lbs, Cows- 869 lbs).

<u>Class</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Price Range (\$/HD)</u>	<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Calves	Bull	408	900.00 – 2650.00	2170.96	2269.26	
	Heifer	451	600.00 – 2050.00	1782.04	1826.64	
Yearlings	Bull	133	1150.00 – 4700.00	2530.83	2627.62	
	Heifer	92	1300.00 – 3500.00	2094.02	2131.40	
2 YO	Bull	44	1600.00 – 5700.00	2817.05	3369.25	
	Heifer	10	2250.00 – 2600.00	2390.00	2112.50	
Mature	Bull	81	1900.00 – 5500.00	4438.27		
	Cow	155	1600.00 – 3600.00	2459.35	2867.86	
Bred	Heifer	7	2650.00 – 2650.00	2650.00		
	Cow	100	1900.00 – 4000.00	3109.00	2947.47	
Pairs (\$/Pair)	Cow/Calf	0				

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 - Represents the most current data available.

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