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MONTHLY BISON REPORT (CARCASS AND CUTS)

For the Month of September

Looking back at the September reporting period Animals Slaughtered in Federally Inspected plants was 28% lower than in August. Young Heifers and Aged bulls were also lower by 41% and 48% respectively, followed by Aged Cows at 91% lower. The drop in Aged Cows and Bulls could be due to ranchers starting their roundups and holding off on culling the older animals until then. Some producers may be backed up on inventory, which could have explained the drop in Young Heifers bought. Prices remained mostly steady for Trimmings and ground wholesale meat, but volume was lacking when compared to August, signaling the end of summer and grilling season.

Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants (not necessarily inspected)	Bison	Canadian Live Bison Imports into U.S. for September:	Head
W/E 9/08/18	796	Slaughter Male	1,136
W/E 9/15/18	982	Slaughter Female	469
W/E 9/22/18	841	Feeder Male	229
W/E 8/29/18	863	Feeder Female	0
		Total	1,834
Total	3,482	Source: USDA, APHIS	

Bison Carcasses - GRAIN FED - (\$/Cwt) FOB Plant Basis

	Avg Carc Wt	Hd	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
*Young Bulls -	636	2,190	475.00- 550.00	487.11
*Young Heifers -	560	588	455.00- 550.00	479.72
*Aged Bulls -	826	54	400.00- 410.00	401.67
*Aged Cows -	552	20	410.00- 450.00	425.25
Total		2,852		

Bison Meat - GRAIN FED - Wholesale (\$/Cwt)

	lbs	Price Range	Wghtd Avg
Ribeye, Lip-on Fresh	23,659	1,300.00- 1,858.00	1,374.53
Ribeye, Lip-on Frozen	2,156	1,100.00- 1,450.00	1,196.65
Chuckroll/Clod Fresh	45,923	620.00- 885.00	694.10
Chuckroll/Clod Frozen	2,105	800.00- 1,025.00	849.92
Top Round Fresh		0.00- 0.00	
Top Round Frozen	7,119	835.00- 890.00	855.30
Peeled Knuckle Fresh	1,089	675.00- 875.00	766.27
Peeled Knuckle Frozen	346	700.00- 850.00	833.07
Flats, Outside Round Fresh	1,747	800.00- 825.00	823.28
Flats, Outside Round Frozen	301	800.00- 900.00	864.90
Eye of Round Fresh	2,619	675.00- 805.00	775.65
Eye of Round Frozen	725	800.00- 845.00	823.00

Strip Loin Fresh	17,882	979.00-	1,550.00	1,165.73
Strip Loin Frozen	1,091	795.00-	1,000.00	958.87
Top Sirloin Fresh	7,535	700.00-	995.00	829.51
Top Sirloin Frozen	177	795.00-	880.00	879.52
Tenderloin Fresh	15,889	1,800.00-	2,964.00	2,108.54
Tenderloin Frozen	31,586	1,720.00-	2,200.00	1,972.43

Hearts	3,189	325.00-	500.00	350.75
Livers	9,738	200.00-	315.00	274.73
Tongues	241	488.00-	530.00	509.00

Bison Trimmings 90% Fresh	78,054	600.00-	750.00	623.00
Bison Trimmings 90% Frozen	30,368	651.00-	651.00	651.00
Bison Trimmings 85% Frozen	54,411	582.00-	825.00	709.00

Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	42,206	600.00-	750.00	638.00
Grnd 90% Bulk, Frozen		0.00-	0.00	
Grnd 85% Bulk, Fresh	240	805.00-	805.00	805.00
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	70,522	700.00-	1,096.00	785.59
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen		0.00-	0.00	
Grnd 85% Patties, Fresh	253	800.00-	800.00	800.00
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	27,818	646.00-	973.00	780.51

Ground Bison - GRAIN FED - Case Ready (\$/Cwt)

	lbs	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh	599,567	625.00-	750.00	707.03
Grnd 85% Bulk, Frozen	20,246	700.00-	775.00	739.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Frozen	57,404	795.00-	975.00	798.91
Grnd 85% Patties, Frozen	10,634	650.00-	780.00	728.00

BISON MEAT - GRASS FED - DIRECT TO CONSUMER (\$/LB) FROZEN

	Price Range		Wghtd Avg
Ribeye Steaks	19.49-	39.95	32.93
Filet Mignon	36.75-	39.95	38.35
New York Strip	17.99-	28.57	25.03
Flat Iron	13.50-	14.99	14.25
Flank Steak	15.49-	31.92	21.08
Skirt Steak	12.95-	18.95	15.28
Chuck Roast	11.99-	13.72	12.65
Eye of Round Roast	12.99-	13.66	13.33
Top Sirloin	24.95-	31.95	28.45
Sirloin Tip	12.99-	13.83	13.42
Brisket	11.49-	14.54	12.92
Ribs	0.00-	0.00	#DIV/0!
Prime Rib	37.51-	39.98	38.75
Tenderloin	41.49-	60.00	51.61
Stew Meat	11.49-	14.99	13.85
Jerky	10.95-	43.80	31.69

Hearts	7.50-	9.99	8.75
Livers	8.25-	9.99	9.12
Tongues	6.99-	10.99	8.99

Hot Dogs	14.95-	17.50	16.23
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Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	10.69-	14.95	12.84
Ground Bison (Patties)	11.39-	15.95	13.42

Canadian Fresh Chilled Bison Meat Imports into U.S.

	Jan-18	Jan-17	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

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

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