



National Monthly Bison Report

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For the Month of: **Feb**

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For the month of February, total submitted wholesale volume was 828,284 lbs. Compared to January, prices of Wholesale Cuts were higher on lower volume. Prices of Wholesale Trim and Grind were higher on lower volume compared to January. Live Canadian imports for February (4 wks) were 56 percent higher and FIS Actual Slaughter was 28 percent lower than January (5 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>
2/7/2026	1104	60	40	13	220	0	0	2024	3272	3176
2/14/2026	1018	533	404	163	165	0	79	2023	4106	3424
2/21/2026	949	120	166	95	51	5	0	2022	3629	4705
2/28/2026	876	78	49	58	136	0	0		<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Heifers</u>
								<u>under 400 lbs</u>		<u>over 400 lbs</u>
Monthly Total	3947	791	659	329	572	5	79	2024	3586	2535
YTD:	9398	1198	951	819	932	13	81	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*	991	664	505.00	– 514.00	511.63	506.19	478.84
Young Heifers*	1324	576	485.00	– 490.00	488.47	479.76	453.23
Aged Bulls *			0.00	– 0.00			
Aged Cows *			0.00	– 0.00		420.68	374.18
Total	2,315						

* 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)	828,284			955,280	878,204
<u>Chuck</u>					
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	18995	688.00 - 1120.00	917.94	899.03	807.1
<u>Rib/Loin</u>					
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	16086	1495.00 - 2650.00	2018.84	2057.44	1669.38
<u>Loin</u>					
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	13963	1100.00 - 1963.00	1345.47	1312.11	1334.63
Top Sirloin, Fresh/Frozen					969.39
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	10481	2210.00 - 4058.00	2657.41	2596.53	2252.23
<u>Round</u>					
Round Cuts Fresh/Frozen	12686	627.00 - 1120.00	936.90	960.92	860.55
<u>Trimmings/Ground</u>					
Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	7249	825.00 - 1075.00	966.80	845.74	760.06
Trimmings 80%, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	112268	374.00 - 1240.00	902.08	889.18	771.32
<u>Patties</u>					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	29156	830.00 - 1261.00	945.52	967.05	790.69
<u>Offal**</u>				<u>Previous Quarter</u>	<u>Q1 Prev Year</u>
Hearts, Fresh/Frozen				464.45	429.79
Kidneys, Fresh/Frozen				189.54	165.45
Livers, Fresh/Frozen				135.14	156.84
Tongues, Fresh/Frozen				304.98	306.65
Case Ready - (\$/CWT)					
				<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	500282	638.00 - 930.00	816.80	819.24	773.83
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					784.51
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	13.99 - 27.33	19.45	19.45	17.54
Flat Iron				20.44
Brisket	12.52 - 30.00	18.18	18.17	16.89
<u>Ribs</u>				
Ribeye Steaks	33.95 - 76.32	53.14	53.14	47.11
Prime Rib	33.95 - 70.00	51.98	70.00	54.62
Back Ribs	24.32 - 24.32	24.32	24.16	29.48
<u>Loin</u>				
T-Bones Steaks	33.28 - 33.28	33.28	33.28	31.18
Porterhouse Steaks				
Tenderloin	100.00 - 105.00	102.50	84.98	73.65
Filet Mignon	49.16 - 140.00	91.39	91.39	76.78
New York Strip	33.95 - 70.30	45.87	47.98	40.59
<u>Round</u>				
Eye of Round Roast	28.00 - 28.00	28.00	28.00	21.59
Top Sirloin	23.52 - 57.00	37.76	40.14	34.28
Sirloin Tip	18.40 - 24.00	21.20	19.46	17.43
<u>Ground</u>				
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	11.00 - 24.39	18.24	18.24	15.76
Ground Bison (Patties)	12.00 - 25.99	19.25	19.41	17.71
<u>Other/Misc.</u>				
Flank Steak	16.48 - 44.00	26.87	26.95	22.70
Skirt Steak	16.45 - 44.00	27.42	30.15	24.07
Stew Meat	13.00 - 30.00	22.57	22.82	19.42
Jerky	69.84 - 78.00	73.92	75.00	62.34
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	8.00 - 34.40	15.10	15.10	16.76
Tongues	8.00 - 22.88	13.63	13.63	10.56

Bison Meat Imports/Exports

Canada - Imports

	<u>Jan-2026</u>	<u>Jan-2025</u>	<u>Feb-2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2026</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	5,732	16,755	19,621	5,732	36,376
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	75,619	80,028	121,475	75,619	201,503

Mexico - Exports

	<u>Jan-2026</u>	<u>Jan-2025</u>	<u>Feb-2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2026</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	570,556	41,006	120,372	570,556	161,378

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

Live Bison

Monthly Bison Auction Summary

Total Monthly Receipts of Reported Auctions: 550

Combined summary report for the month of February included 4 auctions. Noted origins of bison sold include: MT, NE, ND, SD, OK, TX, 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- 329 lbs, Heifers - 353 lbs), **Yearlings** (Bulls- 846 lbs, Heifers- 486 lbs) **2YO** (Bulls - 719 lbs, Heifers - 628 lbs), **Mature** (Bulls - 1132 lbs, Cows- 511 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	142	650.00 – 2350.00	1724.65	2425.76	
	Heifer	156	700.00 – 2000.00	1512.82	1972.12	1386.84
Yearlings	Bull	55	1600.00 – 22500.00	4490.91	7836.90	5508.06
	Heifer	21	1300.00 – 3000.00	1808.33	4406.25	1985.20
2 YO	Bull	12	2800.00 – 3250.00	2870.83	10136.36	
	Heifer	4	1550.00 – 1950.00	1750.00		
Mature	Bull	57	2700.00 – 4800.00	3553.51	5566.67	3950.00
	Cow	36	1800.00 – 3200.00	2151.39		
Bred	Heifer	38	2300.00 – 10000.00	4930.26	6035.71	4329.00
	Cow	29	2250.00 – 3500.00	2760.34		
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.

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

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