



National Monthly Bison Report

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For the Month of: **May**

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For the month of May, total submitted wholesale volume was 680,628 lbs. Compared to April, prices of Wholesale Cuts were higher on lower volume. Prices of Wholesale Trim and Grind was steady on higher volume compared to April. Live Canadian imports for May (4 wks) were 50 percent lower and FIS Actual Slaughter was 22 percent lower than April (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>	
5/9/2026	1174	21	114	72	78	0	0	2025	1012	3471
5/16/2026	1110	140	46	70	24	24	20	2024	3272	3176
5/23/2026	1052	32	23	169	4	1	0	2023	4106	3424
5/30/2026	996	120	138	42	64	0	0		<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Heifers</u>
								<u>under 400 lbs</u>	<u>over 400 lbs</u>	
Monthly Total	4332	313	321	353	170	25	20	2025	1123	3181
YTD:	23700	3132	2394	1906	2121	46	294	2024	3586	2535
								2023	4270	3183

* 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*			0.00 – 0.00		520.51	492.92
Young Heifers*			0.00 – 0.00		496.88	469.23
Aged Bulls *			0.00 – 0.00			
Aged Cows *			0.00 – 0.00			384.30
Total	0					

* 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)	680,628			859,000	811,174
<u>Chuck</u>					
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	15233	747.00 - 1146.00	903.32	901.43	867.19
<u>Rib/Loin</u>					
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	21595	1520.00 - 2454.00	2039.22	1980.99	1838.24
<u>Loin</u>					
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	11930	1100.00 - 1875.00	1388.80	1293.40	1383.34
Top Sirloin, Fresh/Frozen				1137.01	834.78
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	10558	2469.00 - 4200.00	2511.53	2527.72	2508.71
<u>Round</u>					
Round Cuts Fresh/Frozen	10732	747.00 - 1150.00	935.08	970.72	902.35
<u>Trimmings/Ground</u>					
Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	102885	760.00 - 1025.00	846.60	850.77	764.51
Trimmings 80%, Fresh/Frozen					788.46
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					781.17
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					
<u>Patties</u>					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					836.73
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					
<u>Offal**</u>				<u>Previous Quarter</u>	<u>Q2 Prev Year</u>
Hearts, Fresh/Frozen				483.37	462.63
Kidneys, Fresh/Frozen				195.78	213.84
Livers, Fresh/Frozen				160.78	139.65
Tongues, Fresh/Frozen				375.95	353.80
Case Ready - (\$/CWT)					
				<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					801.27
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	19.18	21.53	17.63
Flat Iron				23.00
Brisket	12.50 - 30.00	19.52	22.22	16.04
<u>Ribs</u>				
Ribeye Steaks	36.95 - 76.32	53.74	53.31	48.18
Prime Rib	70.00 - 70.00	70.00	70.00	44.15
Back Ribs	24.32 - 24.32	24.32	24.32	15.48
<u>Loin</u>				
T-Bones Steaks				34.72
Porterhouse Steaks				
Tenderloin	52.95 - 105.00	85.98	102.50	65.86
Filet Mignon	49.16 - 140.00	86.70	86.27	77.82
New York Strip	34.00 - 70.30	46.47	45.87	43.02
<u>Round</u>				
Eye of Round Roast			28.00	21.59
Top Sirloin	28.46 - 57.00	40.47	37.94	35.80
Sirloin Tip	19.52 - 24.00	21.76	21.20	17.54
<u>Ground</u>				
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	12.00 - 25.29	18.51	18.51	17.01
Ground Bison (Patties)	14.00 - 26.99	19.75	21.10	19.29
<u>Other/Misc.</u>				
Flank Steak	15.75 - 44.00	25.81	25.81	23.18
Skirt Steak	14.00 - 44.00	26.83	26.81	25.48
Stew Meat	18.30 - 31.49	26.60	26.60	19.54
Jerky	72.00 - 85.80	78.90	78.90	67.90
Hot Dogs	15.95 - 32.00	23.98	32.00	20.66
<u>Offal</u>				
Hearts	8.00 - 44.00	24.75	30.33	22.77
Livers	8.00 - 34.40	15.10	17.47	15.65
Tongues	8.00 - 22.88	12.96	12.96	10.77

Bison Meat Imports/Exports

Canada - Imports

	<u>Apr-2026</u>	<u>Apr-2025</u>	<u>May-2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2026</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	10,582	9,259	13,228	27,999	62,170
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	11,684	13,889	1,323	178,354	249,343

Mexico - Exports

	<u>Apr-2026</u>	<u>Apr-2025</u>	<u>May-2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2026</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	398,375	200,841	282,633	2,399,951	1,119,066

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

Live Bison

Monthly Bison Auction Summary

Total Monthly Receipts of Reported Auctions: 0

Combined summary report for the month of April included 0 auctions. Noted origins of bison sold include:

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), **Yearlings** (Bulls- lbs, Heifers- lbs) **2YO** (Bulls - lbs, Heifers - lbs), **Mature** (Bulls - lbs, Cows- 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	0				
	Heifer	0				
Yearlings	Bull	0				
	Heifer	0				
2 YO	Bull	0				
	Heifer	0				
Mature	Bull	0				
	Cow	0				
Bred	Heifer	0				
	Cow	0				
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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