



National Monthly Bison Report

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For the Month of: **Apr**

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For the month of April, total submitted wholesale volume was 859,000 lbs. Compared to March, prices of Wholesale Cuts were lower on steady volume. Prices of Wholesale Trim and Grind was lower on higher volume compared to March. Live Canadian imports for April (5 wks) were 4 percent higher and FIS Actual Slaughter was 28 percent higher than March (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>	
4/4/2026	1034	87	97	78	133	0	0	2025	1012	3471
4/11/2026	856	156	105	45	4	0	0	2024	3272	3176
4/18/2026	1184	396	30	95	104	5	93	2023	4106	3424
4/25/2026	1265	173	283	18	33	0	0		<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Heifers</u>
5/2/2026	1250	142	179	75	68	0	0		<u>under 400 lbs</u>	<u>over 400 lbs</u>
Monthly Total	5589	954	694	311	342	5	93	2025	1123	3181
YTD:	19368	2819	2073	1553	1951	21	274	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*	1626	637	511.00 - 525.00	520.51	514.75	486.49
Young Heifers*	1016	574	488.00 - 500.00	496.88		463.24
Aged Bulls *			0.00 - 0.00			365.00
Aged Cows *			0.00 - 0.00		424.97	
Total	2,642					

* 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)	859,000			515,629	943,830
<u>Chuck</u>					
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	21605	701.00 - 1118.00	901.43	912.95	848.26
<u>Rib/Loin</u>					
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	25404	1277.00 - 2375.00	1980.99	2032.79	1860.53
<u>Loin</u>					
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	21160	1144.00 - 1800.00	1293.40	1394.17	1377.61
Top Sirloin, Fresh/Frozen	1023	900.00 - 1800.00	1137.01	1054.55	1042.03
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	11005	1950.00 - 4378.00	2527.72	2800.46	2549.37
<u>Round</u>					
Round Cuts Fresh/Frozen	15417	701.00 - 1200.00	970.72	1010.32	860.11
<u>Trimnings/Ground</u>					
Trimnings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	30229	760.00 - 1025.00	850.77	867.45	750.07
Trimnings 80%, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen				885.97	781.92
<u>Patties</u>					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen				955.39	821.84
<u>Offal**</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	825.28	794.19
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen		
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen		797.51
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	13.42 - 27.99	21.53	19.67	17.46
Flat Iron				21.50
Brisket	16.66 - 30.00	22.22	19.80	15.44
<u>Ribs</u>				
Ribeye Steaks	33.95 - 76.32	53.31	56.54	45.56
Prime Rib	70.00 - 70.00	70.00	70.00	42.79
Back Ribs	24.32 - 24.32	24.32	24.32	14.74
<u>Loin</u>				
T-Bones Steaks				34.72
Porterhouse Steaks				
Tenderloin	100.00 - 105.00	102.50	84.98	64.99
Filet Mignon	49.16 - 140.00	86.27	86.27	70.43
New York Strip	33.95 - 70.30	45.87	45.87	42.39
<u>Round</u>				
Eye of Round Roast	28.00 - 28.00	28.00	28.00	21.55
Top Sirloin	24.75 - 57.00	37.94	37.94	34.65
Sirloin Tip	18.40 - 24.00	21.20	21.20	17.24
<u>Ground</u>				
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	12.00 - 25.29	18.51	18.51	14.90
Ground Bison (Patties)	15.99 - 26.99	21.10	18.41	17.52
<u>Other/Misc.</u>				
Flank Steak	15.75 - 44.00	25.81	26.73	26.52
Skirt Steak	14.00 - 44.00	26.81	25.74	23.82
Stew Meat	18.30 - 31.49	26.60	26.60	18.83
Jerky	72.00 - 85.80	78.90	78.90	61.47
Hot Dogs	32.00 - 32.00	32.00	32.00	20.05
<u>Offal</u>				
Hearts	8.00 - 44.00	30.33	24.75	18.67
Livers	8.00 - 34.40	17.47	17.47	16.76
Tongues	8.00 - 22.88	12.96	12.96	10.04

Bison Meat Imports/Exports

Canada - Imports

	<u>Mar-2026</u>	<u>Mar-2025</u>	<u>Apr-2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2026</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	7,055	3,307	9,259	17,417	48,942
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	90,390	32,628	13,889	166,670	248,020

Mexico - Exports

	<u>Mar-2026</u>	<u>Mar-2025</u>	<u>Apr-2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2026</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	631,183	474,214	200,841	2,001,576	836,433

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

Live Bison

Monthly Bison Auction Summary

Total Monthly Receipts of Reported Auctions: 152

Combined summary report for the month of March included 1 auctions. Noted origins of bison sold include: AR, IA, IL, MO

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- 335 lbs, Heifers - 330 lbs), **Yearlings** (Bulls- 486 lbs, Heifers- 517 lbs) **2YO** (Bulls - 713 lbs, Heifers - 908 lbs), **Mature** (Bulls - 1262 lbs, Cows- 950 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	17	900.00 – 2400.00	1679.41		1516.18
	Heifer	15	850.00 – 1900.00	1536.67		949.26
Yearlings	Bull	41	1450.00 – 2700.00	2102.44		
	Heifer	24	900.00 – 4100.00	2195.83		
2 YO	Bull	15	2050.00 – 2800.00	2533.33		1986.36
	Heifer	2	3400.00 – 3400.00	3400.00		1304.76
Mature	Bull	10	2750.00 – 7000.00	4920.00		3350.00
	Cow	8	1550.00 – 3300.00	2287.50		
Bred	Heifer	0				
	Cow	20	1600.00 – 3800.00	2270.00		
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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