

## IBMP Briefing Statement

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**Agency:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
**Issue:** Bison Harvest Data, 2005-2007  
**Date:** October 2-3, 2008

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### Background:

- As authorized by the 2003 Montana Legislature under SB 395 (MCA 87-2-730), FWP conducts annual wild bison hunts.
- The first of these bison hunts was implemented in 2005, with subsequent hunts in 2006 and 2007. The 2008 hunt begins in November.
- Below outlines bison harvest from 2005-2007.

### Current Status:

	<b>BULLS</b>	<b>COWS</b>	<b>CALVES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2005-06</b>	45	1	0	0	46
<b>2006-07</b>	30	1		26	57
<b>2007-08</b>	40	56	1	69	166

**Note:** There is no mandatory reporting of bison harvest. These data are based on anecdotal reports from FWP staff, hunters, and BFC.

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