

Agriculture Prices at a Glance -\$\$\$\$

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A & B denotes the difference in price between first preference & second preference
Trend (H) higher (L) lower (S) same

Cattle	Trend	A	B
Young Bulls, Steers, Heifers for slaughter	L	1.00- 1.05	0.95 -1.00
Aged Cows	L	0.80 - 0.85	0.75- 0.80
Old Bulls	L	0.95 - 1.00	0.80- 0.95
Heifers for breeding by the head	L	\$800 to	\$1500
Young grass cattle (300-550lbs)	L	1.05 - 1.10	1.00 - 1.05
Hogs		A	B
Weiner Pigs, per head - 30 to 50lbs	S	\$75.00 to	\$95.00
Butcher Hogs, per lb. - 125 - 200lbs	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.65 - 1.70
Sheep		A	B
Young Lambs for slaughter, per lb.	L	2.25 - 2.50	2.00 - 2.25
Mature Sheep, per lb.	L	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70
Eggs		A	B
A & B according to size- per tray of 30	S	\$5.75	\$5.25
Chickens		A	B
Broilers- live per lb.	S	\$1.28	\$1.23
Old Hens	S	\$0.65	\$0.60
Citrus			
Oranges - per 90 lb	H	\$6.02 (final estimated pmt)	
Grapefruit - per 90 lb. box	H	\$3.50 (final estimated pmt)	
Grains, Beans & Rice		A	B
Corn per lb.(high quality, cleaned & sometimes bagged, makes the difference)	L	.23 - .26	.21 - .23
Milo per lb.	L	.20 - .22	.18 - .20
RK's, Blacks & Little Reds- per 100 lbs (wholesale)	S	125 -150	115 - 125
Black eye peas	S	1.00 - 1.20	.75- #1's @ S.P.
Rice: Paddy per lb.	L	\$0.30 - .33	
Wholesale milled per lb.	L	\$1.12	
Retail Control per lb	L	\$1.21	
Sugar		Corozal	Orange Walk
1st Payment (Cane)	S	\$36.81	\$34.50
After 2nd Payment (Cane)	S	46.00 est.	46.00 est.
Processed Sugar - White (112#sack)	S	.45 controlled	.50 retail
Processed Sugar - Brown (112#sack)	S	.39 controlled	.45 retail
Bananas			
Export Price - per 40 lb Box	S	\$8.42 U.S.	
Wholesale - per 40 lb Box	S	\$6.00 BZ	
Retail - per 10	S	\$1.00 BZ	
Fruit & Vegetables per lb		Wholesale	Retail
Tomatoes	S	.50 - 75	1.00 - 1.50
Cabbage	S	.30 - .60	.75 - 1.25
Cucumber	S	.30 - .50	.75 - 1.25
Peppers	S	1.25 -2.00	2.50 - 3.50
Carrots	S	.75 - 1.00	1.25 - 1.50
Milk (price paid to farmers by the processor) per lb	S	.48 - .51	

The supplies vary according to the time of the year, weather and imports. Also the wholesale to retail price mark ups vary as well. The prices and terms are best estimates from our best sources and simply provide range to assist buyers and sellers in negotiations. I included a trend line to give an idea about the supply and demand price results.

Notes: It seems that we in agriculture are being caught by the economic crisis that is affecting us, our neighbors and the world. In past similar eras, Belize seemed to be less effected. As I talk to farmers and livestock producers around the country, everybody is feeling the pinch. The common answer seems to be that we need to seek markets with our neighbors who have high populations and are seeking imports. To that end, it will only happen when Government and private sector join together to establish relationships with the users about BELIZEANS PRODUCTS - I am very encouraged and I see it beginning to happen- Thanks Minister and GOB

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