

## Agricultural Prices at a Glance-\$\$\$\$ - August 25 2009

A-B denotes the difference between 1st preference & second preference and sometimes between wholesale & retail							
and bulk or small amounts . Trend (H) means Higher over last 30 to 60 day (L) Lower (S) Steady							
all Belize dollars - usually price per lb							
Belize Cattle	T	A	B	Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	S	1.00 -1.05	.95- 1.00	Belize yellow corn	S-L	.22 - .24	.20 - .22
Cows & Heifers	S	.85 - .95	.75 - .85	White Corn	S-L	.25 - .27	.22 - .25
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	S	1.05 - 1.20	.95 - 1.05	Corn/ Local retail	S-L	.30 - .35	.28 - .30
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	S-H	1.05 - 1.15	1.00 - 1.05	U.S corn price	S	.15 - .18	.13 - .15
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	S	160 - 166	154 - 160	Guatemala corn price/Peten	H	.38 - .40	.35 - .38
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	S	2.00 - 2.10	1.90 - 2.00	Belize Milo	S	.19 - .21	.17 - .19
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	S	2.30 - 2.40	2.20 - 2.30	R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	S	1.35 - 1.60	1.15 - 1.35
U.S price- aged butcher cows	S	1.00 - 1.10	.90 - 1.00	Black eyed peas	S	1.00 - 1.25	.75 - Spa Lt
Belize Hogs				Paddy rice/ from combine	S	.32 - .34	.30 - .32
Weiner pigs- 30 -50 lbs- by the head	S	\$75.00 - \$95.00		Milled retail rice (controlled)	S	1.21 per lb	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.65 - 1.70	Citrus			
Belize Sheep				Oranges per 90 lb box	H	(\$6.50 final est. price)	
Butcher lambs	S	2.25 - 2.50	2.00 - 2.25	Grape fruit- per 90 lb box	S	(\$3.50 final est. price)	
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70	Sugar			
Belize Chickens				Cane per ton- after 2nd payment	S	\$45.00 per ton	
Broilers- live per lb	S	1.27 - 1.29	1.24 - 1.27	White Sugar- 112 lbs	S	\$46.00 per bag	
Old hens	S	.63 - .65	.60 - .63	Brown Sugar- 112 lbs	S	\$39.00 per bag	
Belize Milk				Bananas			
Pd to farmer per lb	S-L	.49 - .51	.46 - .49	Export @ 40 lb box	S	\$16.84.	
Special farm items				Local Wholesale #2 quality- 40 lb	S	\$8.00.	
Shrimp Retail- Farm Raised	S	7.00 - 9.00	6.00 - 7.00	Retail #2 @ 8 per sale	S	\$1.00 - \$1.50	
Pitaya fruits	S	2.00 - 3.00	1.00 - 2.00	Fruits & Vegetables			
Organic/Sol Farms Ltd.- Teakettle Village Phone # 628- 9040				Tomatoes, Cabbages, cucumbers	S	1.00 - 1.75	.75 - 1.00
<b>***These prices are best estimates only from our best sources and simply provide a range to assist buyers and sellers in negotiations.</b>							
<p><b>Notes-</b> We have talked before about the Ministry of Agriculture and others to recognize the two farming systems in Belize.(1.) Small farms of 15 - 50 acres that grow what they eat and sell the remainder (most often perishable fruits &amp; vegetables ) at the local market. To many, it's a great way of life &amp; is a wonderful and needed farm system in Belize. They usually blend livestock and fruit trees into this system. (2.) Larger mechanized farms with tractors, planters, aerial and ground spraying and storage and packaging equipment must be included.This includes cane, citrus, bananas, cattle, corn, beans &amp; rice We must team together with the government of Belize to help establish export markets.We are increasing production toward a black hole if we can't export our surplus. I see some very positive efforts and co-operation from these main players. I include the recent trip to Central America to talk about corn &amp; beans. We thank Min. of Agriculture - Min. of Foreign of Foreign Trade and also include Min. of Finance including Hon. Prime Minister Dean Barrow in this most positive effort. <b>GO-TEAM-GO.</b> Material and information gathered by John Carr</p>							