

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

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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
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	L	.98 -1.03	.93 - .98
Cows & Heifers	L	.80 - .90	.70 - .80
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	S	1.05 - 1.20	.95 - 1.05
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	S-L	1.05 - 1.15	1.00 - 1.05
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	170 - 175	160 - 170
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	L	1.90 - 2.00	1.80 - 1.90
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	L	2.20 - 2.30	2.10 - 2.20
U.S price- aged butcher cows	L	.90 - 1.00	.80 - .90
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 30 -50 lbs- by the head	S-H	\$85.00 - \$95.00	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.65 - 1.70
Belize Sheep			
Butcher lambs	S	2.25 - 2.50	2.00 - 2.25
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70
Belize Chickens			
Broilers- live per lb	S	1.27 - 1.29	1.24 - 1.27
Old hens	S	.63- .65	.60- .63
Belize Milk			
Pd to farmer per lb	S	.49 - .51	.46 - .49
Special farm items			
Shrimp Retail- Farm Raised	S	7.00 - 9.00	6.00 - 7.00
Pitaya fruits	S	2.00 - 3.00	1.00 - 2.00
Eggs-case of 30 dozen	S	Wholesale 63	Retail 72

Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Belize yellow corn	L	.18 - .20	.18 - .19
White Corn	L	.21 - .25	.20 - .21
Corn/ Local retail	L	.23 - .30	.25 - .27
U.S corn price	L	.12 - .14	.11 - .12
Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	.30 - .34	.26 - .30
Belize Milo	L	.16 - .18	.15 - .16
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	L	1.30 - 1.40	1.20 - 1.30
Black eyed peas	S	1.00 - 1.25	.75 - Spa Lt
Paddy rice/ from combine	S	.32 - .34	.30 - .32
Milled retail rice (controlled)	S	1.21 per lb	
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	(\$6.80 final est. price)	
Grape fruit- per 90 lb box	H	(\$3.75 final est. price)	
Sugar			
Cane per ton- after 2nd payment	S	\$45.00 per ton	
White Sugar- 112 lbs	S	\$46.00 per bag	
Brown Sugar- 112 lbs	S	\$39.00 per bag	
Bananas			
Export @ 40 lb box	S	\$16.84.	
Local Wholesale #2 quality- 40 lb	S	\$8.00.	
Retail #2 @ 8 per sale	S	\$1.00 - \$1.50	
Fruits & Vegetables			
Tomatoes, Cabbages, cucumbers	S	1.00 - 1.75	.75 - 1.00

These prices are best estimates only from our best sources and simply provide a range to assist buyers and sellers in negotiations.

Notes- Probably the best news is that Guatemala Congress signed the PSA(Partial Scope Agreement).All of the dust hasn't cleared yet but we believe we may able to ship farm products - corn, beans, and rice without an applied tariff. Our current issue is the over supply of corn.(this amount could be 450,000 bags). Most of the people that I am talking to are sharing the idea that selling products are hard because we are over supplied. This includes cattle, corn and rice. At the BLPA annual meeting on October 24th, we talked mostly about getting ready to ship cattle to Mexico. The Belize ag production sector is increasing yields because of better seeds, better genetics, better husbandry and the increased results are really obvious We are definitely in the need - to - export - zone - We must talk to Mexico, the Caribbean, Honduras and Guatemala. Thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Foreign Trade for helping to make PSA a reality. Material and information gathered by John Carr