

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

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	S	.98 -1.03	.93 - .98
Cows & Heifers	S	.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	1.05 - 1.15	1.00 - 1.05
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	L	160 - 170	150 - 160
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	L	1.80 - 1.90	1.70 - 1.80
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	L	2.10 - 2.20	2.00 - 2.10
U.S price- aged butcher cows	L	.85 - .95	.75 - .85
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 30 -50 lbs- by the head	S-H	\$85.00 - \$95.00	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	H	1.75 - 1.80	1.70 - 1.75
Belize Sheep			
Butcher lambs	H	2.50 - 2.75	2.25 - 2.50
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70
Belize Chickens			
Broilers- live per lb	S-L	1.25- 1.27	1.23- 1.25
Old hens	H	.83- .90	.77- .83
Belize Milk			
Pd to farmer per lb	S	45 contract	25 noncontract
Special farm items			
Shrimp Retail- Farm Raised	S	7.00 - 9.00	6.00 - 7.00
Honey- per litre	S	Whosale 9-11	Retail 12-14
Eggs-case of 30 dozen	L	59- wholesale	68 retail

Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Belize yellow corn	L	.17 - .19	.16 - .17
White Corn	L	.20 - .22	.19 - .20
Corn/ Local retail	S	.25 - .30	.22 - .25
U.S corn price	S	.13 - .15	.12 - .13
Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	.25 - .28	.22 - .25
Belize Milo	L	.15 - .16	.14 - .15
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	L	1.20 - 1.30	1.10 - 1.20
Black eyed peas	S	1.00 - 1.25	.75 - Spa Lt
Paddy rice/ from combine	S	.33 - .36	.30 - .33
Milled retail rice .per pound	S	whosal 105-112	Ret 120-125
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	\$9.00 Est. final 2009 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$4.80 Est. final 2009 price	
Sugar			
Cane per ton- after final payment	H	\$67.14 per ton	
White Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S-L	\$44.42 per bag	
Brown Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S-L	\$38.31 per bag	
Bananas			
Export @ 40 lb box	L	July-Dec.price- 12.36	
Local Wholesale #2 quality- 40 lb	S	7.00-10.00	
Retail #2 @ 8 per sale	S	\$1.00 - \$1.50	
Fruits & Vegetables			
Tomatoes, Cabbages, cucumbers	S	.50 - 1.25, wh	1.25 - 2.00,rt

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

Notes - Imagine in this world of 6 billion plus people with many of them hungry, We are dealing with lower prices from having food surpluses. What a blessed problem to deal with. We are looking at a partial scope agreement with Guatemala that will ease corn and beans surpluses. We just took a giant cattle exportation step forward in farm registration and cattle identification with an informative meeting, sponsored by the Mexican Ambassador. Spanish Lookout is putting in a corn processing plant that separates parts of a kernal which will cause new buyers and importers to buy exactly what they want. When I visit the local produce markets and I see a surplus of everything. It seems there is a big price spread between producers(big risk -little profit) retailers (lower risk - greater profit) and consumers who pay a rather high price and are normally facing budget problems. What is the answer? Please don't consider a more aggressive marketing board. A private marketing CO-OP owned by farmers is more plausible. We also need a small CO-OP canning factory for production surpluses. **Just Ideas.** Happy Holidays and may God bless you richly in 2010- Material and information gathered by John Carr.