

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	L	.95 -1.00	.93 - .95
Cows & Heifers for Butcher	L	.60 - .75	(old).50 - .60
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	L	1.00 - 1.15	.90 - 1.00
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	S	.85 - .95	.75 - .85
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	185 - 190	175 - 185
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	L	2.10 - 2.20	2.00 - 2.10
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	S	2.10 - 2.20	2.00 - 2.10
U.S price- aged butcher cows	L	.80 - .90	.70 - .80
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 30 -50 lbs- by the head	S	\$85.00 - \$95.00	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	S	1.75 - 1.80	1.70 - 1.75
Belize Sheep			
Butcher lambs	S	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	L	1.10- 1.15	1.05- 1.10
Old hens	L	.73- .76	.70- .73
Belize Milk			
Pd to farmer per lb	S	45 contract	no demand
Special farm items			
Shrimp Retail- Farm Raised	L	6.50 - 8.50	5.50 - 6.50
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	S	.18 - .19	.17 - .18
White Corn	S	.21 - .22	.20 - .21
Corn/ Local retail (Low volume)	S	.27 - .30	.24 - .27
U.S corn price @ 3.75 U.S a bushel	S	.13 - .15	.12 - .13
Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	.23 - .26	.21- .23
Belize Milo	S	.16 - .17	.15 - .16
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	L	.88 -1.00	.80 - .88
Black eyed peas	S	1.00 - 1.25	.75 - Spa Lt
Paddy rice/ from combine	S	.30 - .33	.28 - .30
Milled retail rice per pound	S	whosal 105-110	Ret 120-130
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	\$9.50 Est. 2010 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$5.00 Est. 2010 price	
Sugar			
Cane per ton- est. 2010 price	S	\$50 - \$65 per ton	
White Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$44.42 per bag	
Brown Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$38.31 per bag	
Bananas			
Export @ 40 lb box	L	Jan-Mar.price- 12 - 13	
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 - Cattle prices are soft and older cows & light cattle are in surplus because the dry season is upon us and grass will be scarce. Mexico Exports have more potential than Guatemala. On April 4, 2010, The Partial Scope Trade Agreement will kick in and should make trade with Guatemala more feasible. Our grain prices are steady, but lower than this time last year, so chicken prices are falling. Cheese is being imported from subsidized producers in Europe and the U.S. Kraft is on the shelf at 200 a lb cheaper than our cheddar. We have a tremendous surplus of milk and cheese. If we sell at a loss, we will stop producing, Not Good- We need to consider protection, thru tariffs and quotas just like other countries do to us- Note the difference in U.S. cattle prices and ours. Our Ag production is increasing and we need to export. Thanks for the Partial Scope Agreement. It really gives us hope. I would like to send a thanks to Jaime Alpuche COM at the Citrus factory- my first tour there and I felt so proud of my Belizean brothers and sisters who show their desire and ability in managing and running this very sophisticated operation- I di big up all a yu.