

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

September - October 2010

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

<b>Belize Cattle</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	<b>S</b>	<b>.95 -1.00</b>	<b>.93 - .95</b>
Cows & Heifers for Butcher	<b>S</b>	<b>.60 - .75</b>	<b>(old).50 - .60</b>
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	<b>S</b>	<b>1.00 - 1.15</b>	<b>.90 - 1.00</b>
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	<b>S</b>	<b>.85 - .95</b>	<b>.75 - .85</b>
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	<b>S</b>	<b>180 - 185</b>	<b>175 - 180</b>
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	<b>L</b>	<b>2.00 - 2.10</b>	<b>1.90 - 2.00</b>
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	<b>S</b>	<b>2.05 - 2.15</b>	<b>1.95 - 2.05</b>
U.S price- aged butcher cows	<b>S</b>	<b>.80 - .90</b>	<b>.70 - .80</b>
<b>Belize Hogs</b>			
Weiner pigs- 30 -50 lbs- by the head	<b>S</b>	<b>\$85.00 - \$95.00</b>	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	<b>S</b>	<b>1.70 - 1.75</b>	<b>1.65 - 1.70</b>
<b>Belize Sheep</b>			
Butcher lambs	<b>S</b>	<b>2.50 - 2.75</b>	<b>2.25 - 2.50</b>
Mature ewes	<b>S</b>	<b>1.70 - 1.75</b>	<b>1.60 - 1.70</b>
<b>Belize Chickens</b>			
Broilers- live per lb	<b>L</b>	<b>1.05- 1.10</b>	<b>1.00- 1.05</b>
Old hens	<b>S</b>	<b>.73- .76</b>	<b>.70- .73</b>
<b>Belize Milk</b>			
Pd to farmer per lb	<b>S</b>	<b>.45 contract</b>	<b>no demand</b>
<b>Special Farm Item</b>			
Shrimp Retail- Farm Raised	<b>S</b>	<b>6.50 - 8.50</b>	<b>5.50 - 6.50</b>
Pitaya 12-16 oz	<b>S</b>	<b>1.75 - 2.00 each</b>	
Eggs-case of 30 dozen	<b>L-S</b>	<b>65 wholesale</b>	<b>70 retail</b>

<b>Grains, Beans &amp; Rice</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Belize yellow corn	<b>S</b>	<b>.18 - .19</b>	<b>.17 - .18</b>
White Corn	<b>S-L</b>	<b>.20 - .21</b>	<b>.19 - .20</b>
Corn/ Local retail (Low volume)	<b>S</b>	<b>.27 - .30</b>	<b>.24 - .27</b>
U.S corn price @ 3.75 U.S a bushel	<b>S</b>	<b>.14 - .16</b>	<b>.13 - .14</b>
Guatemala corn price/Peten	<b>S-H</b>	<b>.26 - .28</b>	<b>.24- .26</b>
Belize Milo	<b>S-H</b>	<b>.16 - .17</b>	<b>.15 - .16</b>
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	<b>S</b>	<b>.90 -1.05</b>	<b>.80 - .90</b>
Black eyed peas	<b>S</b>	<b>1.00 - 1.25</b>	<b>.75 - Spa Lt</b>
Paddy rice/ from combine	<b>S</b>	<b>.29 - .32</b>	<b>.27 - .29</b>
Milled retail rice per pound	<b>S</b>	<b>whosal 103-108</b>	<b>Ret 115-125</b>
<b>Citrus</b>			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	<b>S</b>	<b>\$9.50 Est. 2010 price</b>	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	<b>S</b>	<b>\$4.50 Est. 2010 price</b>	
<b>Sugar</b>			
Cane per ton- est. 2010 price	<b>S</b>	<b>\$50 - \$65 per ton</b>	
White Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	<b>S</b>	<b>\$44.42 per bag</b>	
Brown Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	<b>S</b>	<b>\$38.31 per bag</b>	
<b>Bananas</b>			
Export @ 40 lb box	<b>S</b>	<b>June- Aug .price- 12 - 13</b>	
Local Wholesale #2 quality- 40 lb	<b>S</b>	<b>\$ 7.00- \$10.00</b>	
Retail #2 @ 8 per sale	<b>S</b>	<b>\$1.00 - \$1.50</b>	
<b>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>			
Tomatoes, Cabbages, Cucumbers	<b>S</b>	<b>.50 - 1.25, wh</b>	<b>1.25 - 2.00, rt</b>

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

**Dear Ag Readers:** We've had a lot of rain. Grass for livestock is great and corn may be a record - some fields suffered from water. World climate change is with us- fire & drought in Russia- major floods in Tennessee and other places. Markets are very static. Retail meat sales slow -probably because of recession. It's a time in all of our lives to be tough- Put our trust in God and fight the giants- All the best, John Carr