

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
Prices intend on being farm gate in Belize dollars - usually price per lb

Belize Cattle	T	A	B
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	S	.95 -1.00	.93 - .95
Cows & Heifers for Butcher	S	.60 - .75	(old).50 - .60
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	S	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	98.82/US=197.65/Bz	
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	1.10/US=2.20/Bz	
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	H	1.40/Us=2.80/Bz	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	H	40-80/US=80-1.60/Bz	
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 30 -50 lbs- by the head	S	\$85.00 - \$95.00	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.65 - 1.70
Belize Sheep			
Butcher lambs	L	2.00 - 2.50	1.75- 2.00
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70
Belize Chickens			
Broilers- live per lb	L	1.05- 1.10	1.00- 1.05
Old hens	S	.73 - .76	.70 - .73
Belize Milk			
Pd to farmer per lb	S	45 contract	no demand
Special farm items			
Shrimp Retail- Farm Raised	S	6.50 - 8.50	5.50 - 6.50
Pitaya 12-16 oz	S	1.75 - 2.00 each	
Eggs-tray of 30 eggs	S	farm price/4.50-retail/ 7.50-8	

Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Belize yellow corn	H	.22 - .23	.21 - .22
White Corn	H	.22 - .23	.21 - .22
Corn/ Local retail (Low volume)	H	.25 - .32	.25 - .28
U.S corn price @ 5.82-up from 3.75	H	Bz 20.78 -6¢ -.8¢ to get here	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	H	.27 - .30	.25 - .27
Belize Milo	H	.19 - .20	.18 - .19
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	H	.80-.85 farm-retail 1.25-1.5¢	
Black eyed peas	H	farm-.70- .80 retail1.25-1.5¢	
Paddy rice/ from combine	S	30 - 35 -depends on area	
Milled retail rice per pound	S	whosal 103-108	Ret 115-125
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	\$10.50 Est. 2010 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$5.50 Est. 2010 price	
Sugar			
Cane per ton- est. 2010 price	L	\$45.28/ est.	
White Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$45 per bag	
Brown Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$39 per bag	
Bananas			
Export @ 40 lb box	S	June- Aug .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	H	whosal/75-1.75-ret-\$1.75-\$3.00	

***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: There seem to be confusion in sugar- citrus - no cattle legally to Mexico ,crime and home invasion and now we deal with Richard - (the not so little lion). Please note that the US corn price on the Chicago Board of trade has risen from 3.75 US a 56lb bushel to 5.82. This reflects an increase of 8¢ Belize a pound. Life on the farm has been very difficult -hard to sell our products at a profit and everything we buy seems to go up in price. Anyhow we all know as farmers that next year will be better. We always say that, but this year I really believe it. I predict by year end that corn will be selling closer to 30¢ than 25¢ and cattle will be moving legally to Mexico.
All the best John Carr