

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

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	1.00 -1.05	.90 - 1.00
Cows & heifers for butcher	S	.70 - .80	(thin).60 - .70
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	S	1.00 - 1.15	.90 - 1.00
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	S	1.00 - 1.10	.90 - 1.00
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	1.15/US=2.30/Bz	
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	1.20/US=2.40/Bz	
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	H	1.35/US=2.70/Bz	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	H	.65-.75/US=.80-1.40/Bz	
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	H	\$95.00 - \$100.00	
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	H	1.80 - 1.85	1.70 - 1.80
Belize Sheep			
Butcher lambs	S	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	S	1.10- 1.12	1.08- 1.10
Old hens	S	.75 - .76	.73 - .75
Belize Milk			
Pd to farmer per lb- Feb & March	S	.46 contract	.31 non cntrct
Special farm items			
Shrimp retail- farm raised	S	6.50 - 8.50	5.50 - 6.50
Eggs-tray of 30 eggs	H	4.58 /farm price	

Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Belize yellow corn	H	.30 - .32	.28 - .30
White corn	H	.31 - .33	.29 - .31
Corn/ local retail (low volume)	H	.35 - .40	.33 - .35
U.S corn price @ 6.81-up from 3.75	H	24.20 (March 23 futures)	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	H	.35 - .38	.33 - .35
Belize Milo	H	.27 - .29	.26 - .27
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	H	1.00-1.10/ farm price	
Black eyed peas	H	.70-.80/farm price	
Paddy rice/ from combine	H	.40 - .55 depends on quality	
Milled retail rice per pound	S	.90- .95/farm price	
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	S	\$11.50 Est. 2011 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$6.00 Est. 2011 price	
Sugar			
Cane per ton- est. 2010 price	H	\$51.27/ est.	
White sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$45 per bag	
Brown sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$39 per bag	
Bananas			
Export @ 40 lb box	H	price- \$14 - \$15	
Local wholesale #2 quality- 40 lb	S	\$ 7.00- \$10.00	
Fruits & Vegetables			
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whsl/.75-1.75-ret-\$1.00-\$2.50	

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: Most commodities are higher. The only real rip-off is in cattle- cattle in the US are over twice as high at \$1.00 Bz here and \$1.25 U.S there. The sweep and health certification are getting closer so we will be able to export- hopefully by year end. Citrus is struggling with administration and personality conflicts. Rice is in over supply and getting cheaper; it's impossible to export because it's very cheap in the neighbouring countries and our cost of production makes it economically a wreck. The sugar factory gives a good report as the cane is coming in much cleaner and the cane to sugar ratio is favourable. Hogs are higher, but so is corn so increased profits will be minimized. Use the Golden Rule as your rule. To succeed you must think outside the box, focus, sweat, sometimes stay up late at night, save, sacrifice, co-operate and pray. If you happen to make money, please spend some time worrying about the poor. John Carr