

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				Grains, Beans & Rice			
	T	A (\$)	B (\$)		T	A (\$)	B (\$)
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	H	1.10 -1.15	1.00 - 1.10	Belize yellow corn	H	.34 - .35	.32 - .34
Cows & heifers for butcher	S	.70 - .80	(thin).60 - .70	White corn	H	.35 - .37	.33 - .35
Heifers for breeding 650-900 lbs	S	1.00 - 1.15	.90 - 1.00	Corn/ local retail (low volume)	H	.40 - .45	.38 - .40
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	S	1.00 - 1.10	.90 - 1.00	U.S corn price @ 6.81-up from 3.75	H	27.00 (May 25 futures)	
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	L	1.05/US=2.10/Bz		Guatemala corn price/Peten	H	.40 - .45	.38 - .40
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	S	1.20/US=2.40/Bz		Belize milo	H	.29 - .32	.27 - .29
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	S	1.35/US=2.70/Bz		R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	H	1.00-1.25/ farm price	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	S	65-75/US=80-1.40/Bz		Black eyed peas	H	.80-.90/ farm price	
Belize Hogs				Milled retail rice per pound	S	.90- .95/ farm price	
Weaner pigs- 25 -30 lbs-by the head	S	95.00 - 100.00		Citrus			
Butcher pigs 125 - 200 lbs	S	1.80 - 1.85	1.70 - 1.80	Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	S	11.50 est. 2011 price	
Belize Sheep				Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	S	6.00 est. 2011 price	
Butcher lambs	S	2.00 - 2.50	1.75- 2.00	Sugar			
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70	Cane per ton- est. 2010 price	H	130. 00	
Belize Chickens				White Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	45.00 per bag	
Broilers- live per lb	H	1.15- 1.17	1.13- 1.15	Brown Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	39.00 per bag	
Old hens	S	.75 - .76	.73 - .75	Fruits & Vegetables			
Special Farm Items				Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whosal/.75-1.75 ret/1.00-2.50	
Shrimp retail- farm raised	S	6.50 - 8.50	5.50 - 6.50	Bananas			
Eggs-tray of 30 eggs	S	4.58 /farm price		Export @ 40 lb box	S	price- 14.00 - 15.00	

***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: I find it exciting to be a part of the food production chain. Almost every newspaper and Google will talk about shifting food consumptions, varying supplies, prices and maybe the biggie is CLIMATE CHANGE. We at Banana Bank are at almost 20% of normal rainfall for the last several months- Normal for us is 75 to 80 inches annually with 65% in June to January. Record setting corn prices have been the result of all this. It might be a good time to think about a garden. I heard a statement at the chess Olympiad in Belmopan. You need to learn to "Win with Humility and Lose with Dignity"-what a lesson if we could all learn that. God Bless. John Carr