

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

September- October 2011

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	Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	H	1.15 -1.25	1.10 - 1.15	Belize yellow corn	H	.39 - .41	.37 - .39
Cows & Heifers for Butcher	H	.90 - 1.00	(thin).80 - .90	White Corn	H	.44 - .46	.43 - .44
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	H	1.30 - 1.35	1.20 - 1.30	Corn/ Local retail (Low volume)	H	.45 - .50	.43 - .45
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	H	1.25 - 1.35	1.15 - 1.25	U.S. corn @ 7.60-per 56 lb bushel	H	\$27. 50/ BZ 100#-12¢ frt. to BZ	
U.S. price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	1.10-US=2.20-Bz		Guatemala corn price/Peten	H	.45 - .55	.43 - .45
U.S. price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	1.30-US=2.60-Bz		Belize Milo	H	.33 - .35	.31 - .33
U.S. price- calves 450- 600 lbs	H	1.40-US=2.80-Bz		R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	H	1.40-1.60 farm price	
U.S. price- aged butcher cows	H	.85-US=1.70-Bz		Black eyed peas	H	.85- .90 farm price	
Belize Hogs							
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	S	\$95.00 - \$100.00		Milled retail rice per pound	S	.88- .94 farm price	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	S	1.80 - 1.85	1.70 - 1.80	Citrus			
Belize Sheep				Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	\$12.50 Est. 2011 price	
Butcher lambs	S	2.00 - 2.50	1.75- 2.00	Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	S	\$ 6.00 Est. 2011 price	
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70	Sugar			
Belize Chickens				Cane per ton- est. 2011 price	H	\$65. 00 (130 was an error)	
Broilers- live per lb	H	1.21 - 1.23	1.19 - 1.21	White Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$45/ bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Spent hens	S	.75 - .76	.73 - .75	Brown Sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$39/ bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Special farm items				Fruits & Vegetables			
Eggs-tray of 30 eggs	H	5.75 farm- retail .25 per egg		Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whsl/.75-1.75; ret-\$1.00-\$2.50	
				Banana- retail	S	8 for \$1.00	

***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: "Wow" For the first time in a long time, cattle have seen a 25 cent increase on a 1,000 lb. #1 quality steer/bull. This amounts to \$250 per head more. This will cause grass plantings to increase, buying better bulls and an expansion in the national cattle herd. This increase is because of cattle exports. Our neighbors have shortages and are seeking us out- TG- Please note the U.S. price compared to ours- \$1.25 /lb. to \$2.60 BZ per lb. Northern Guatemala and Middle Mexico are "probably" getting \$1.75 per lb. Corn is also at a high price because of shortages, bad weather and exports. High prices cause leaders to want to stop exports and or put on price controls- both will stifle expansion. I heard a speaker say "If we put price controls on agriculture, maybe we should put price controls on hotel rooms (ex. Nothing above \$75). We want to expand agriculture, promote jobs and bring home foreign exchange. Prices will level out and come down at harvest time. Agriculture has risk (Harvey) and farmers are facing higher inputs on nearly every crop. Thanks to the Ministry of Agriculture, BAHA and others for moving forward on the Cattle Sweep. I see it as the most important cattle event in my life. Cattle producers- Stake holders-Let us all jump on this train- God Bless- John Carr