

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

November- December 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

<b>Belize Cattle</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	L	<b>1.05 -1.15</b>	<b>.95 - 1.05</b>
Cows & heifers for butcher	L	<b>.80 - .90</b>	<b>(thin).75 - .80</b>
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	L	<b>1.20 - 1.25</b>	<b>1.10 - 1.20</b>
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	L	<b>1.10 - 1.20</b>	<b>1.00 - 1.10</b>
U.S. price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	<b>1.22-US=2.44-Bz</b>	
U.S. price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	<b>1.40-US=2.80-Bz</b>	
U.S. price- calves 450- 600 lbs	H	<b>1.50-US=3.00-Bz</b>	
U.S. price- aged butcher cows	H	<b>.90-US=1.80-Bz</b>	
<b>Belize Hogs</b>			
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	S	<b>\$95.00 - \$100.00</b>	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	S	<b>1.75 - 1.85</b>	<b>1.70 - 1.75</b>
<b>Belize Sheep</b>			
Butcher lambs	S	<b>2.00 - 2.25</b>	<b>1.75- 2.00</b>
Mature ewes	S	<b>1.70 - 1.75</b>	<b>1.60 - 1.70</b>
<b>Belize Chickens</b>			
Broilers- live per lb	S	<b>1.21 - 1.23</b>	<b>1.19 - 1.21</b>
Spent hens	L	<b>.70 - .72</b>	<b>.68 - .70</b>
<b>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>			
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	<b>whosal/75-1.75-ret-\$1.00-\$2.50</b>	

<b>Grains, Beans &amp; Rice</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Belize yellow corn	L	<b>.29 - .30</b>	<b>.27 - .29</b>
White Corn	L	<b>.34 - .36</b>	<b>.33 - .34</b>
Corn/ local retail (low volume)	L	<b>.33 - .38</b>	<b>.31 - .33</b>
U.S corn @ 6.53-per 56 lb bushel	L	<b>\$23. 50/ BZ 100# +12¢/lb frt. to BZ</b>	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	<b>.36 - .38</b>	<b>.34 - .36</b>
Belize milo	L	<b>.26 - .27</b>	<b>.25- .26</b>
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	S	<b>1.40-1.50 farm price</b>	
Black eyed peas	S	<b>.85- .90 farm price</b>	
Milled retail rice per pound	S	<b>.87- .88 farm price</b>	
<b>Citrus</b>			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	S	<b>\$12.00 Est. 2011 price</b>	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	S	<b>\$ 6.00 Est. 2011 price</b>	
<b>Sugar</b>			
Cane per ton- est. 2011 price	H	<b>\$78. 00</b>	
White sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	<b>.45 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up</b>	
Brown sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	<b>.39 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up</b>	
<b>Special farm items</b>			
Eggs- tray of 30 eggs	H	<b>6.67 farm- retail .27 per egg</b>	
WD Milk per lb to farmer	S	<b>contract .50 &amp; non contract .35</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 are very happy to have missed the brunt of Rina, although we got some rain that didn't help because of Hurricane Harvey in August. Corn harvest has brought down the corn prices by about 25%. Cattle prices have softened because of the Guatemala buyer's lack of interest. The ag future is very bright because of our great export potential for livestock, grain and beans. We just need to get our trade agreements so they work in the field as well as in offices. Our Sanitary Livestock program continues, slowly but surely and we are looking at spring to start. Our agriculture depends on exports for everything -One critical grain is rice- another one is pork and our inability to export processed meat. To many hurdles and not enough speed or athletes. All the best- John Carr