

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	1.20 -1.25	1.10 - 1.25	Belize yellow corn	H	.30 - .32	.29 - .30
Cows & heifers for butcher	H	.90 - 1.00	(thin).75 - .90	White Corn	L	.32 - .34	.31 - .32
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	L	1.00 - 1.05	.90 - 1.00	Corn/ Local retail (low volume)	H	.35 - .40	.33 - .35
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	S	1.10 - 1.25	1.00 - 1.10	U.S corn @ 6.40-per 56 lb bushel	L	\$22. 85/ BZ 100#-12¢ frt. to BZ	
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	1.28 US=2.56 Bz		Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	.34 - .38	.32 - .34
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	1.58 US=3.16 Bz		Belize milo	S	.26 - .27	.25 - .26
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	H	1.80 US=3.60 Bz		R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	L	1.00-1.10 farm price	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	S	.90US=1.80 Bz		Black eyed peas	S	.85 - .90 farm price	
Belize Hogs				Milled retail rice per pound	S	.87 - .88 farm price	
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	S	\$95.00 - \$100.00		Citrus			
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	S	1.75 - 1.85	1.70 - 1.75	Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	\$14.00 Est. 2012 price	
Belize Sheep				Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$ 6.25 Est. 2012 price	
Butcher lambs	S	2.00 - 2.25	1.75- 2.00	Sugar			
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70	Cane per ton- est. 2012 price		\$47.50 Hopefully \$ will increase	
Belize Chickens				White sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$45 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Broilers- live per lb	H	1.22 - 1.24	1.21 - 1.22	Brown sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	\$39 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Spent hens	S	.70 - .72	.68 - .70	Special farm items			
Fruits & Vegetables				Eggs- tray of 30 eggs	S	6.67 farm- retail .27 per egg	
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whosal.75-1.75 ret\$1.00-\$2.50		WD Milk per lb to farmer	S	contract .50 & non contract .35	

***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: Farmers the world over, usually talk about the same things- prices, weather and production problems. It's definitely the same in Belize. Prices are pretty good- weather is crazy with unusual rain patterns and worms, insects, fungus and weeds are always front and center. We sprayed some corn 4 times before it was 6" high. The worm only surfaces 2 or 3 hours a day and then goes underground and avoids the poison. Something I do not understand is price controls (such as sugar, where the price controls are below the current area prices and smuggling & corruption is the name of the game). I also do not understand marketing board as a buy-sell business entity that sometimes competes with private sector. Agriculture can lead the way for Belize, but it really needs some Brazilian thinking. All the best- John Carr