

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

May- June 2012

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	H	1.30 - 1.35	1.20 - 1.30
Cows & heifers for butcher	H	1.00 - 1.10	(thin).85 - 1.00
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	H	1.10 - 1.20	.95 - 1.10
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	H	1.20 - 1.30	1.00 - 1.20
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	L	1.18-US=2.36-Bz	
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	L	1.48-US=2.96-Bz	
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	L	1.75-US=3.50-Bz	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	L	.80-US=1.60-Bz	
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	S	\$95.00 - \$100.00	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	S	1.75 - 1.85	1.70 - 1.75
Belize Sheep			
Butcher lambs	S	2.00 - 2.25	1.75- 2.00
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70
Belize Chickens			
Broilers- live per lb	S	1.22 - 1.24	1.21 - 1.22
Spent hens	S	.70 - .72	.68 - .70
Fruits & Vegetables			
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whsl/.75-1.75; ret-\$1.00-\$2.50	
Local grown potatoes	S	.80-.90	.70 - .80
Local onions	S	1.00 - 1.10	.80 - 1.00

Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Belize yellow corn	L	.28 - .30	.27 - .28
White corn	L	.28 - .30	.27 - .28
Corn/ local retail (low volume)	L	.30 - .37	.28 - .30
U.S corn @ 6.53-per 56 lb bushel	H	\$23.50/ BZ 100#+12¢ frt. to BZ	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	S	.34 - .36	.32 - .34
Belize milo	L	.22 - .24	.20- .22
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	L	.85- 1.00 farm price	
Black eyed peas	H	.90- 1.00 farm price	
Milled rice: retail per pound	S	.87- .88 farm price	
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	S	\$14.00 Est. 2012 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	S	\$ 6.25 Est. 2012 price	
Sugar			
White sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	.45 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Brown sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	.39 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Special Farm Items			
Eggs- tray of 30 eggs	L	5.00 farm- retail .25 per egg	
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: Cattle prices are a bit better but compared to the US and Mexico we are still really underpaid. The goal is to start the sanitary sweep in July. This has been a long time coming but will happen, and this will create sound export marketing for all cattle producers. Corn and beans and especially milo prices have slipped considerably. The acres that are being planted for row crops by progressive export minded farmers is increasing. That will cause some short terms rips, but it will cause our importers to recognize the great food production potential that Belize has and that will firm up good prices for all of us. I get the US prices from the Chicago futures markets (April 29th, 2012). May God Bless your family, your farm and our country- John Carr