

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

October 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 days (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	1.50 - 1.55	1.40 - 1.50
Cows & heifers for butcher	H	1.25 - 1.30	(thin)1.15 - 1.25
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	H	1.25 - 1.30	1.15 - 1.25
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	H	1.25 - 1.35	1.15 - 1.25
U.S. Cattle			
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	1.26-US=2.52-Bz	
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	1.47-US=2.94-Bz	
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	L	1.65-US=3.30-Bz	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	H	1.00-US=2.00-Bz	
Belize Hogs			
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	S	\$95.00 - \$100.00	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	S	1.80 - 1.85	1.75 - 1.80
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	whosal/75-1.75-ret-\$1.00-\$2.50	
Local 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	H	.29 - .30	.28 - .29
White Corn	H	.29 - .30	.28 - .29
Corn/ local retail (low volume)	H	.34 - .40	.32 - .34
U.S corn @ 7.66-per 56 lb bushel	L	\$27.35/ BZ 100#+10¢ frt. to BZ	
U.S soy beans-16.70per 60lb/bush	H	55.60/BZ/per100+10¢ frt. to Bz	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	S	.35 - .38	.33 - .35
Belize milo	H	.24 - .27	.23- .24
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	S	.85- 1.00 farm price	
Black eyed peas	S	.90- 1.00 farm price	
Milled retail rice per pound	S	.87- .88 farm price	
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	S	\$14.25 Est. 2012 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	S	\$ 6.50 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	S	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: The bible says in Proverbs 29:18 “ Where there is no vision the people perish...”. Belizeans in agriculture have every reason to have hope. We are getting record prices for cattle, record corn crops are looming on the horizon - 20,000 acres of sugar cane and a factory are being discussed in the Cayo District. We thank God most of all for almost perfect weather.” Please stay away Mr. Hurricane”. The main corn harvest will be done by October 15th. We expect increased production in the export oriented crops. Hopefully a food canning or processing unit for smaller vegetable and fruit growers will happen in the future. We continue to pray that a positive moral, criminal, and justice system will permeate our country, so we can feel safe as we work and enjoy this beautiful country of Belize--It is hard to really celebrate and feel September 21 as Independence Day when we move around with a certain feeling of fear. All the Best- **John Carr**