

## 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 days (L) Lower (S) Steady.

Prices intend on being farm gate in Belize dollars - usually price per lb

<b>Belize Cattle</b>				<b>Grains, Beans &amp; Rice</b>			
	T	A	B		T	A	B
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	L	1.45 - 1.55	1.40 - 1.45	Belize yellow corn	L	.26 - .29	.25 - .26
Cows & heifers for butcher	L	1.10 - 1.15	(thin)1.00 - 1.10	White Corn	L	.28 - .30	.27 - .28
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	L	1.10 - 1.20	1.00 - 1.10	Corn/ local retail (low volume)	H	.35 - .40	.32 - .35
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	H	strs.1.40 - 1.50	hfrs1.15-1.25	U.S corn @ 7.21-per 56 lb bushel	L	\$25.75/ Bz 100#+10¢ frt. to Bz	
<b>U.S. Cattle</b>				U.S soy beans-14.75per 60lb/bush	L	49.16/Bz/per100+10¢ frt. to Bz	
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	L	1.25-US=2.50-Bz		Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	.30 - .32	.29 - .30
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	H	1.51-US=3.02-Bz		Belize Soy Beans/cwt	H	.58-.60	.57-.58
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	H	1.75-US=3.50-Bz		Belize milo	S	.24- .25	.23-.24
U.S price- aged butcher cows	H	1.10-US=2.20-Bz		R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	H	1.00- 1.10 farm price	
<b>Belize Hogs</b>				Black eyed peas	S	.90- 1.00 farm price	
Weiner pigs- 25 -30 lbs- by the head	S	\$90.00 - \$100.00		Milled retail rice per pound	H	.93- .95 farm price	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	L	1.60 - 1.70	1.5 - 1.60	<b>Citrus</b>			
<b>Belize Sheep</b>				Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	L	\$7.00 Est. 2012 price	
Butcher lambs	S	2.00 - 2.25	1.75- 2.00	Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$ 8.50 Est. 2012 price	
Mature ewes	S	1.70 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.70	<b>Sugar</b>			
<b>Belize Chickens</b>				White sugar- 112 lbs- controlled	S	.45 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up	
Broilers- live per lb	S	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	<b>Special Farm Items</b>			
<b>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>				Eggs- tray of 30 eggs	S	5.00 farm- retail .25 per egg	
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whsl: .75-1.75; ret: 1.00-2.50		WD Milk per lb to farmer	S	contract .50 & non contract .35	
Local potatoes	S	.80 - .90	.70 - .80				
Local onions	S	1.00 - 1.10	.80 - 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:** 90% of all the corn is harvested and new crop coming; soy beans and milo are going in. The crops were on a high average of 47-50 bags of corn per acre outstanding of 65-70 bags. The cattle sweep has a new start date of December 10th and will begin in the Ship Yard area. After a very long wait we can see daylight. The citrus people seem to be in some kind of "can -get-a-long -wreck" and world prices are down. I am told of a projected \$7 a box of oranges this year; comparing to \$14.25 a box last year: "ouch". We need God to help us with our three legged stool: one leg *church*, one leg *business*, and one leg *Government* all working together to achieve wellness in our nation. All the best, John Carr