

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

March - April 2013

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>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Young str. & bulls 750 - 1100 lbs	<b>H</b>	<b>1.65 - 1.75</b>	<b>1.60 - 1.65</b>
Cows & heifers for butcher	<b>H</b>	<b>1.35 - 1.40</b>	<b>(thin)1.25 - 1.35</b>
Heifers for breeding 500 - 800 lbs	<b>H</b>	<b>1.40 - 1.45</b>	<b>1.30 - 1.40</b>
Young grass cattle 350 - 650 lbs	<b>H</b>	<b>strs.1.60 - 1.70</b>	<b>hefers1.35 - 1.45</b>
<b>U.S. Cattle</b>			
U.S price -corn fed 1000 - 1200 lbs	<b>H</b>	<b>1.27-US=2.54-Bz</b>	
U.S price - feeders 600 - 800 lbs	<b>L</b>	<b>1.41-US=2.82-Bz</b>	
U.S price- calves 450 - 600 lbs	<b>L</b>	<b>1.60-US=3.20-Bz</b>	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	<b>L</b>	<b>.90-US=1.80-Bz</b>	
<b>Belize Hogs</b>			
Weaner pigs 25 -30 lbs- by the head	<b>S</b>	<b>\$90.00 - \$100.00</b>	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	<b>H</b>	<b>1.75 - 1.85</b>	<b>1.65 - 1.75</b>
<b>Belize Sheep</b>			
Butcher lambs	<b>S</b>	<b>2.00 - 2.25</b>	<b>1.75- 2.00</b>
Mature ewes	<b>S</b>	<b>1.70 - 1.75</b>	<b>1.60 - 1.70</b>
<b>Belize Chickens</b>			
Whole sale dressed	<b>H</b>	<b>2.43 - 2.45</b>	
Broilers- live per lb	<b>H</b>	<b>1.32 - 1.34</b>	<b>1.30 - 1.32</b>
Spent hens	<b>H</b>	<b>.90 - 1.00</b>	<b>.85 - .90</b>
<b>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>			
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	<b>S</b>	<b>whosal-.75-1.75; ret-\$1.00-\$2.50</b>	
Local potatoes	<b>H</b>	<b>.90 - 1.00</b>	<b>.80 - .90</b>
Local onions	<b>S</b>	<b>.90 - 1.00</b>	<b>.80 - .90</b>

<b>Grains, Beans &amp; Rice</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Belize yellow corn	<b>S</b>	<b>.26 - .28</b>	<b>.25 - .26</b>
White corn	<b>L</b>	<b>.25 - .27</b>	<b>.24 - .25</b>
Corn, local retail (low volume)	<b>L</b>	<b>.30 - .33</b>	<b>.30 - .31</b>
U.S. corn 7.05 per 56 lb bushel	<b>L</b>	<b>\$25.18/ BZ 100#+8¢ frt. to BZ</b>	
U.S. soy beans 14.50 per 60 lb bushe	<b>L</b>	<b>\$48.33/ BZ 100#+8¢ frt. to Bz</b>	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	<b>S</b>	<b>.31 - .34</b>	<b>.29 - .31</b>
Belize soy beans/cwt	<b>L</b>	<b>.55-.57</b>	<b>.54-.55</b>
Belize milo	<b>L</b>	<b>.20- .22</b>	<b>.19-.20</b>
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	<b>H</b>	<b>1.25 - 1.50 farm price</b>	
Black-eyed peas	<b>L</b>	<b>.80 - .85 farm price</b>	
Milled retail rice per pound	<b>S</b>	<b>.93 - .95 farm price</b>	
<b>Citrus</b>			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	<b>H</b>	<b>\$8.50 Est. 2013 price</b>	
Grapefruit per 90 lb box	<b>L</b>	<b>\$6.00 Est. 2013 price</b>	
<b>Sugar</b>			
White sugar 112 lbs- controlled	<b>S</b>	<b>.45 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up</b>	
Brown sugar 112 lbs- controlled	<b>S</b>	<b>.39 per bag + 3-5 cent mark up</b>	
<b>Special Farm Items</b>			
Eggs- tray of 30 eggs	<b>S</b>	<b>5.00 farm- retail .25 per egg</b>	
WD milk per lb to farmer	<b>S</b>	<b>contract .50 &amp; non contract .45</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 have had a swinging time - things are moving. The first cattle have moved legally to Mexico. Even before that the very best 1000 & up steers were selling for 1.70 -1.80 per lb. Quality , heavy weights and a 55% - 56% dressed weight is the goal. Lesser size and quality brings lesser price. We had the driest December then a wet January and now in late February we need some rain. Corn and milo prices are sluggish; chicken and pigs are stronger. Farming is where you trade investment capital, high interest, unpredictable weather and uncertain markets to form a home run . It seldom happens; the uncertainty of it all makes a farmer get close to the soil and talk to the creator . With God all things are possible. All the best, John Carr