

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

May - June 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

Belize Cattle	T	A	B
Young str. & bulls- 750- 1100 lbs	H	1.75	1.65-1.75
Cows & heifers for butcher	H	1.40	(thin)1.25 - 1.40
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	H	1.45	1.35 - 1.45
Young grass cattle- 350- 650 lbs	H	strs.1.60	hefers 1.45
U.S. Cattle			
U.S price -corn fed- 1000- 1200 lbs	H	1.27-US=2.54-Bz	
U.S price - feeders 600- 800 lbs	L	1.34-US=2.68-Bz	
U.S price- calves 450- 600 lbs	L	1.45-US=2.90-Bz	
U.S price- aged butcher cows	L	.80-US=1.60-Bz	
Belize Hogs			
Weaner pigs- 25-30 lbs-by the head	S	\$90.00 - \$100.00	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	H	1.75 - 1.85	1.65 - 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			
Whole sale dressed	H	2.44	
Broilers- live per lb	H	1.27	
Spent hens	H	0.95	
Fruits & Vegetables			
Tomatoes, cabbages, cucumbers	S	whosal/75-1.75-ret-\$1.00-\$2.50	
Local potatoes	H	.90-1.00	.80 - .90
Local onions	S	.90 - 1.00	.80 - .90

Grains, Beans & Rice	T	A	B
Belize yellow corn	S	.275	.26 - .275
White Corn	L	.275	.26 - .275
Corn/ local retail (low volume)	L	.30 - .33	.30 - .31
U.S corn @ 7.05-per 56 lb bushel	L	\$25.18/ BZ 100#+8¢ frt. to BZ	
U.S soy beans-14.50per 60lb/bush	L	48.33/BZ/per100+8¢ frt. to Bz	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	S	.31 - .34	.29 - .31
Belize Soy Beans	L	.52-.53	.51 - .52
Belize milo	L	.235	.21
R-K's, little reds & blacks (beans)	H	1.50- 1.60 farm price	
Black eyed peas	L	.68- .72 farm price	
Milled retail rice per pound	S	.75- .83 farm price -distribution .93	
Citrus			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb.solid basis	H	\$10.50 Est. 2013 price	
Grapefruit- per 90 lb box	H	\$ 9.5.00 Est. 2013 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	5.60 farm- retail .25-.33 per egg	
WD Milk per lb to farmer	S	contract .50 & non contract .45	

***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 cattle sweep is moving on and the teams have completed approximately 20,000 in the Orange Walk/Corozal Districts. The Blue Creek Cattle committee had already completed approximately 19,00 head for a total of almost 40 % of the Belize herd. They expect to finish tagging , testing for TB and brucella by mid may and then move to the Cayo/BZE. Districts. The best news is that we have not had even one animal that is diseased. We see a nice bump in citrus of almost \$2 a bag and the farm price for RK beans is \$160 per bag. AGRICULTURE - THE FUTURE OF BELIZE - please Government, be as business and environmentally friendly as possible . Collect revenue from taxes and the sale of government property and try to cut waste where possible. It is evident that Belize is one of God's favourite places. The exciting flora, fauna, beautiful waters, tourist sites and a climate that can grow almost anything - the mercury goes through 80°F everyday of the year. With God All Things Are Possible - All the Best John Carr