

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

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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

	T	A	B
BELIZE CATTLE			
Young str. & bulls - 750-1100 lbs	L	1.70 - 1.80	1.60 - 1.70
Cows & heifers for butchers	L	1.45	(thin) 1.40
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	S	1.50	1.35 - 1.45
Young grass cattle - 350-650 lbs	H	strs. 1.80	Heifers 1.45
U.S. CATTLE			
U.S. price - corn fed - 1000-1200 lbs	H	US\$ 1.32	
U.S. price - feeders 600-800 lbs	H	US\$ 1.66	
U.S. price - aged butcher cows	L	US\$ 0.70 - 0.74	
BELIZE HOGS			
Weaner pigs - 25-30 lbs - by the head	S	\$90.00 - \$100.00	
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	S	1.75 - 1.85	1.65 - 1.75
BELIZE SHEEP			
Butcher Lambs	L	2.00 - 2.25	1.50 - 1.75
Mature Ewes	L	1.75	1.50
BELIZE CHICKEN			
Whole sale dressed	S	2.44	
Broilers - live per lb	S	1.27	
Spent hens	S	.95	
VEGETABLES			
Local Potatoes lb	S/L	1.00 - 1.10	.80 - 1.00
Local Onions lb	H/L	1.00 - 1.20	.80
CITRUS			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb. solid basis	H	11.0139 (1.7525 Pps) final price	
Grapefruit - per 90 lb box	L	9.3461 (2.2853 Pps) final price	

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GRAINS, BEANS & RICE			
Belize yellow corn	L	.22 - .23	.20 - .22
White corn/cwt	H	30.00 - 35.00 delivered	
Corn/local retail (low volume)	L	.30 - .32	.27 - .29
US corn @ US\$ 4.43- per 56 lb bshl	L	\$ BZ 15.82/cwt + 8¢ frt. to BZ	
US organic corn - yellow food grade US\$ 11.50/bshl		\$ BZ 41.07/cwt	
US organic corn - yellow feed grade US\$ 10.12/bshl		\$ BZ 36.14/cwt	
US non-GMO yellow corn US\$ 5.34 - 7.62/bshl		\$ BZ 18.56 - 27.22/cwt	
Guatemala corn price/Peten	L	.22 - .23	.21 - .22
Belize soy beans/cwt	H	.59	.57
US soy beans @ US\$ 13.10 per 60 lb bshl	L	\$ BZ 43.66/cwt + 8¢ frt. to BZ	
Belize milo	L	.20 - .22	.19 - .21
Red kidney beans	H	1.75 farm price	
Little reds & black beans	S	1.50 - 1.60 farm price	
Black eyed peas	S	.65 - .67 farm price	
Milled rice per pound	H	.82 - .91 farm prices, distribution .97-1.01	
SUGAR/HONEY			
White sugar - 112 lbs - controlled	S	.45 per bag + 3-5 cents markup	
Brown sugar - 112 lbs - controlled	S	.39 per bag + 3-5 cents markup	
Honey per lb (Cayo)		2.50 (approximately 12 lbs/gal)	
SPECIAL FARM ITEMS			
Eggs - tray of 30	S	6.75 farm price; retail .30 - .33 per egg	
WD milk per lb to farmer	S	contract .50; non contract .45	
Raw milk (farmer direct sales)		8.50 gal (5 gal + 8.00 gal)	

At the Belize Ag Report, we have always considered gate prices to the farmer to be the heart of the paper. Special thanks to the persons assisting with pricing information, and especially to Banana Bank's John Carr who did all of our pricing pages until this issue. Prices look encouraging almost across the board. Cattle have taken a slight dip from the all-time high reported in issue #22; With the scarcity and demand in our neighboring countries, this will climb again. Sheep, pigs and chickens are steady. Corn has followed the dip in N. America, but there is confidence it will be higher for the 2014 crop. Heavy rains arrived in Cayo District just as the final corn harvests were being done – estimated 95% were safely in before the pelting rains of late October. RK and black eye planting time is almost here. Soy, rice and sorghum (milo) are doing well; acreages for all grains are increasing. Citrus continues to face challenges; final orange prices were higher than estimated year's box price, and grapefruit was slightly under. Producers, advertisers, writers and readers: Thank you for your support and interest in our publication. We send you all joyous and productive wishes for the winter. Beth Roberson