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

A-B denotes the difference between 1st preference & 2nd 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

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BELIZE CATTLE							
Young strs. & bulls - 750-1100 lbs	Н	1.85	1.60 - 1.70				
Cows & heifers for butchers	L	1.40	(thin) 1.30				
Heifers for breeding 500-800 lbs	Н	1.60	1.35 - 1.45				
Young grass cattle - 350-650 lbs	S	steers 1.80	heifers 1.45				
U.S. CATTLE							
U.S. price - corn fed - 1000-1200 lbs	Н	US\$ 1.46					
U.S. price - feeders 600-800 lbs	Н	US\$ 1.7857					
U.S. price - aged butcher cows	Н	US\$ 0.90 - 0.97					
BELIZE HOGS							
Weaner pigs - 25-30 lbs - by the head	S	\$90.00 - \$100.00					
Butcher pigs 160 - 230 lbs	Н	1.85 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.85				
BELIZE SHEEP							
Butcher Lambs	S	2.00 - 2.25	1.50 - 1.75				
Mature Ewes	S	1.75	1.50				
BELIZE CHICKEN							
Whole sale dressed	L	2.41					
Broilers - live per lb	L	1.23					
Spent hens	L	.50					
CITRUS							
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb. solid basis	L	9.0118 (1.5274 Pps)	1st Est. 2014 price				
Grapefruit - per 90 lb box		Price Pending					

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It's a great time to be a farmer in Belize, as prices on many commodities are moving up. Cattle prices resume their upward climb. US cattle prices are up as well, coinciding with the lowest US national herd since 1951. Milk prices have risen 6% since our February page and non-contract milk price is now equal to the contract price, as demand is greater than supply. A temporary glut of eggs has caused many spent hens to enter the market, creating a substantial drop in price. Chicken prices have dropped a bit as well. Corn prices remain fairly steady approaching corn planting season. We were surprised to see Belize Non GMO corn meal advertised on an international trading site at a premium price: \$13-14USD/50 lbs. Bean prices should remain strong as there is a world shortage expected to continue through the year. Lime prices soared in Belize, Mexico and the US recently; other Belizean citrus prices are lacking. See citrus article on pg. 11. Sugar cane's estimated price is up 13%, but the bagasse price is still in negotiation. World cacao is up considerably; TCGA has increased prices to its members as well. Honey remains stable but specialty varietals (single nectar honeys) are bringing a 50% premium. B. Roberson