

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

MAY 2015

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

	T	A	B
<b>BELIZE CATTLE</b>			
Young str./bulls-750-1100 lbs Sp Lkt	H	2.45	
Young str./bulls-750-1100 lbs BI Crk		2.40 - 2.60	
Cows / heifers for butcher Sp Lkt	H	1.75 - 1.90 heifers	1.65 cows
Cows / heifers for butcher BI Crk		2.25 heifers	1.75 - 1.85 cows
Breeding heifers 500-800 lbs Sp Lkt	L	1.90	
Breeding heifers 500-800 lbs BI Crk		2.40	
Young grass cattle - 350-650 lbs Sp Lkt	H	steers 2.55	heifers 1.90
Young grass cattle - 350-650 lbs BI Crk		2.70	
<b>U.S. CATTLE</b>			
U.S. price - corn fed - 1000-1200 lbs	S	US\$ 1.51 - 1.61	
U.S. price - feeders 600-800 lbs	S	US\$ 2.12 - 2.15	
<b>BELIZE HOGS</b>			
Weaner pigs - 25-30 lbs - by the head	S	100.00	
Butcher pigs 190 - 230 lbs	L	2.00	
<b>BELIZE SHEEP</b>			
Butcher lambs	LH	2.75	2.50
Mature ewes	H	2.00 - 2.50	1.50 - 1.75
<b>BELIZE CHICKEN</b>			
Whole sale dressed Sp Lkt	H	2.48	
Whole sale dressed BI Crk		2.46	2.50
Broilers - live per lb Sp Lkt	S	1.23	
Broilers - live per lb BI Crk		1.30	
Spent hens per 4 lb bird Sp Lkt	S	N/A	N/A
Spent hens per 4 lb bird BI Crk		3.00 - 4.00 (20+ birds)	
<b>CITRUS</b>			
Oranges per 90 lb box-lb. solid basis	L	10.1201/box, 1.7153 pps	
Grapefruit - per 90 lb box	H	10.3360 / box (2.5210 pps) est final	
<b>CACAO</b>			
Cacao beans (TCGA) /lb	H	3.00 dried fermented	
Cacao beans (TCGA) /lb	S	1.10 wet beans	
US Cacao beans, New York, metric ton	L	US\$ 2,960.14	

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<b>GRAINS, BEANS &amp; RICE</b>			
Belize yellow corn, bulk (Spanish Lookout)	H	N/A	.24
Belize yellow corn, bulk (Blue Creek)		N/A	.22 - .23
Yellow corn/local retail (low volume) (Sp Lkt)	H	.295	
Belize white corn, bulk (Cayo)	L	.29	.24
White corn/local retail (low volume) (Cayo)	L	.29	
Guatemala yellow corn price/Peten	L	(Q145 /quintal) BZ\$.4265	
Guatemala white corn price/Peten	L	(Q 135 /quintal) BZ\$.3971	
US corn	H	US\$ 4.25 / 56 lb bushel	
US organic, yellow corn feed grade	S	US\$ 11.00 - 13.25 / 56 lb bushel	
Belize soy beans (Spanish Lookout)	S	.50	N/A
Belize soy beans (Blue Creek)		.55 - .56	N/A
US soy beans, #2 yellow	L	US\$10.47 / 60 lb bushel	
US organic, feed grade soy	S	US\$ 23.00 - 26.00 / 60 lb bushel	
US organic, food grade soy	S	US\$ 28.00 - 29.00 / 60 lb bushel	
Belize milo		None Available	
Red kidney beans (Spanish Lookout)	L	.80 farm price	
Little reds (Spanish Lookout)	L	.95	
Black eyed peas (Spanish Lookout)	H	.95	.72 - .80
Paddy rice per pound (Spanish Lookout)	S	.40 - .53 farm price, dried	
Paddy rice per pound (Blue Creek)		.45 - .50 farm price, dried	
<b>SUGAR/HONEY</b>			
Sugar cane, ton, 3rd estimate average	L	estimates 2014/15 crop: \$60.45	
Bagasse	S	pending agreement	
Honey per lb (Cayo)	S	2.50 (approximately 12 lbs/gal)	
Honey per lb single source/varietal (Cayo)	H	3.75 (approximately 12 lbs/gal)	
<b>SPECIAL FARM ITEMS</b>			
Eggs - tray of 30 (Spanish Lookout)	H	5.505 farm price	
WD milk per lb to farmer (Spanish Lookout)	H	contract .57; non contract .57	
Raw milk (farmer direct sales) Cayo	S	8.50 gal (5 gal + 8.00 gal)	
<b>ONIONS &amp; POTATOES</b>			
Onions Cayo		36.00 /50 lbs	
Red Onions Cayo		70.00 / 50 lbs	
Potatoes		105.00 / 100 lbs	

Weather, weather, weather..... always the farmer's underlying concern, sometimes friend, sometimes worry. 2015's dry season came on late, but with a ferocity not seen since 2005 - with a string of exhausting days over 100°F in the last days. As we print, the true rains have not arrived; many predict they will come with the full moon on May 4<sup>th</sup>, which would still be about 17 days earlier than the average arrival. Will the National Agricultural and Trade Show (NATS) on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> be sweltering or muddy? Prices for all our ag commodities are healthy. Sugar bagasse price is STILL pending. Avian Flu has not affected poultry prices adversely, so far, only that spent hens are not available in the west. Note that in this issue, we've added prices from the Blue Creek (Mennonite) Community in the north. Thank you Jacob Neufeld for directing BAR to sources. B. Roberson

\*\*\*These prices are the best estimates only from our best sources and simply provide a range to assist buyers and sellers in negotiations.\*\*\*