



# BEL-CAR

## Export & Import Company Limited

### BEANS AND MORE

In the early 1950s, a community of Mennonites emigrated from Mexico to the Spanish Lookout area of Belize. Today, there are about 3,000 members of that community, many who have become vital contributors to the economic growth of their adopted country, and who, as farmers, provide most of its produce, including meat and dairy, poultry and eggs, as well as grain and legumes. The climate and wet conditions in the Spanish Lookout area is especially ideal for beans and corn.

Bel-Car, which stands for Belize-Caribbean, is a cooperative growing and distribution company that was started in 2000 by a group of about 200 of those farmers from Spanish Lookout. "These farmers had been growing beans for the country for a good while, and there was more than the country could consume,"