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This report provides trend analysis of the volume and prices of Seasonal Perishable commodities. Volume represents current week and prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. The charts provide graphic representation of the volume and prices of the major commodities this week based on seasonal volume.

Demand is easing up on many summer commodities as parents look to spend their money on back-to-school supplies and clothes. Many backyard farmers harvest their own crops in lieu of buying at the grocery store. This time of year in many parts of the country is peak harvest for backyard tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. For many in the produce industry, the "dog days of August" have arrived. With one holiday left before students return to school, sellers are hoping for an increase in demand later in the month for picnic items for Labor Day weekend.

Movement of Mexican asparagus crossing through Arizona, California and Texas expected to remain about the same, though trading is active at higher prices. Peruvian imports of asparagus through South Florida ports of entry expected to remain about the same. Supplies moderate on standard, fairly light on large, light on small and very light on other sizes. Trading moderate with prices on jumbo and white slightly higher, and others higher. Many sales prorated. European demand on the largest sizes remains good. Prices are expected to remain high through August, then decrease in September when more product becomes available.

Avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas expected to increase. Trading remains slow with prices lower. Peruvian imports of avocados through Philadelphia and New York City ports of entry movement expected to remain about the same. Trading remains moderate with prices generally unchanged. Similar to Mexican product, Peruvian imports are also young in maturity and somewhat less flavorful as a result. Movement of avocados from Southern California District is expected to decrease for the 2021 crop season. The 2022 crop season is expected to increase seasonally. Overall supplies remain strong for now, and trading remains fairly slow. Prices on small sizes lower and others generally unchanged.

Cucumber crossings from Mexico through Otay Mesa California movement expected about the same. Trading is fairly slow and prices are lower. Quality is being reported as generally good. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early is fairly active, and later moderate with prices slightly higher. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality is reported as variable. Movement of cucumbers out of Michigan expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate with prices on medium fair quality lower, and others unchanged. Cucumber movement out of Western North Carolina is expected about the same. Currently, no F.O.B. price report is being issued.

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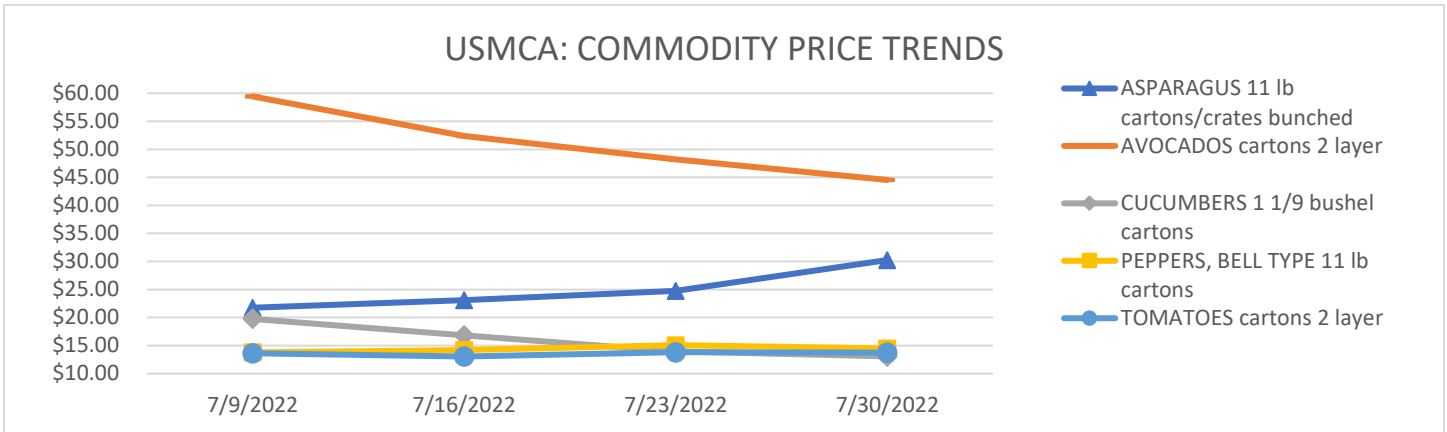
Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected about the same. Trading is fairly active at slightly lower prices. Demand has decreased slightly compared to last week and quality is reported as variable. Green bell pepper movement out of Eastern North Carolina is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading remains moderate at lower prices. A last report was issued. Western North Carolina movement of green bell peppers is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate and prices lower.

Tomato movement from Mexico through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Early trading is fairly active and late is moderate. Prices on 4x5 and 5x5 sizes slightly lower, and others generally unchanged. Quality is being reported as generally good. Central District California movement of tomatoes is expected about the same. Trading active, with prices on medium higher and others slightly higher though most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate and prices is slightly higher. Quality is being reported as generally good. Tomato movement out of Alabama is expected to remain about the same. Some harvest curtailed due to rain and wet fields. Trading remains active with prices generally unchanged. Demand is moderate. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected about the same. Trading is active on 4x4s at slightly lower prices, others fairly active. Prices on 4x4s slightly lower, others generally unchanged. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate and prices are slightly lower.

The following table provides a four-week price trend of the highest traded commodities this week.

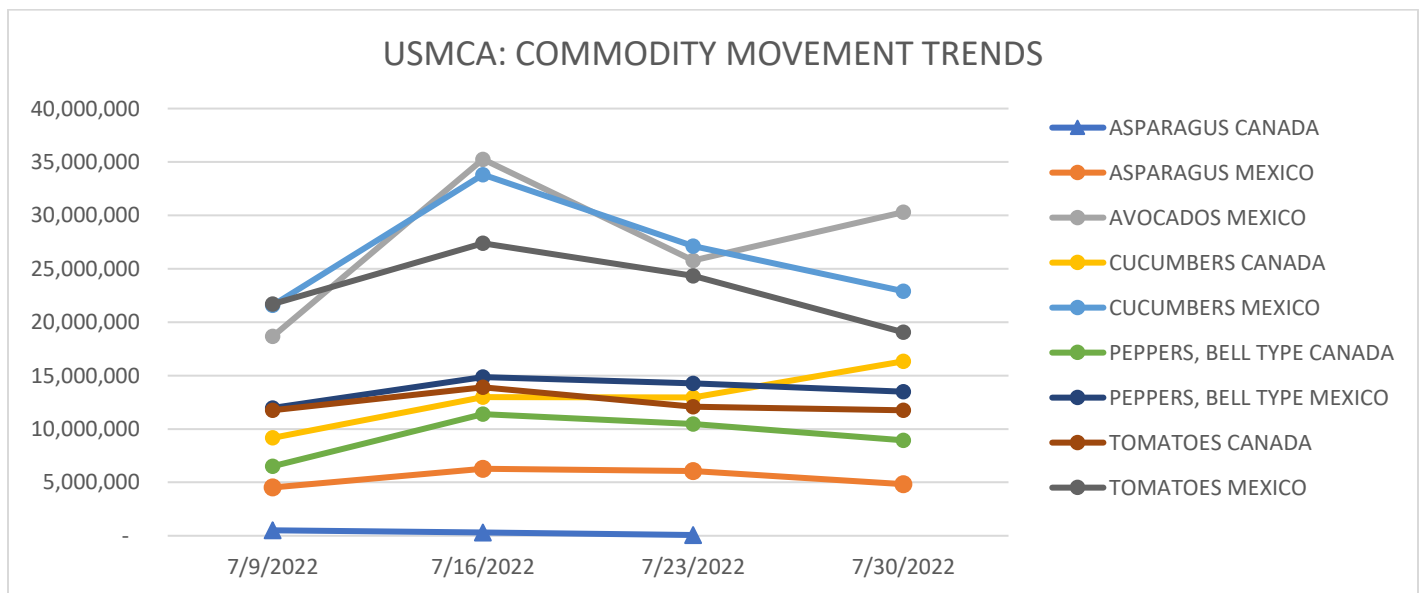
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	7/9/2022	7/16/2022	7/23/2022	7/30/2022
ASPARAGUS	11 lb cartons/crates bunched	\$ 21.75	\$ 23.08	\$ 24.75	\$ 30.25
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 59.43	\$ 52.39	\$ 48.18	\$ 44.54
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 19.75	\$ 16.83	\$ 13.95	\$ 13.08
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb cartons	\$ 13.79	\$ 14.21	\$ 15.07	\$ 14.50
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 13.63	\$ 13.05	\$ 13.82	\$ 13.75

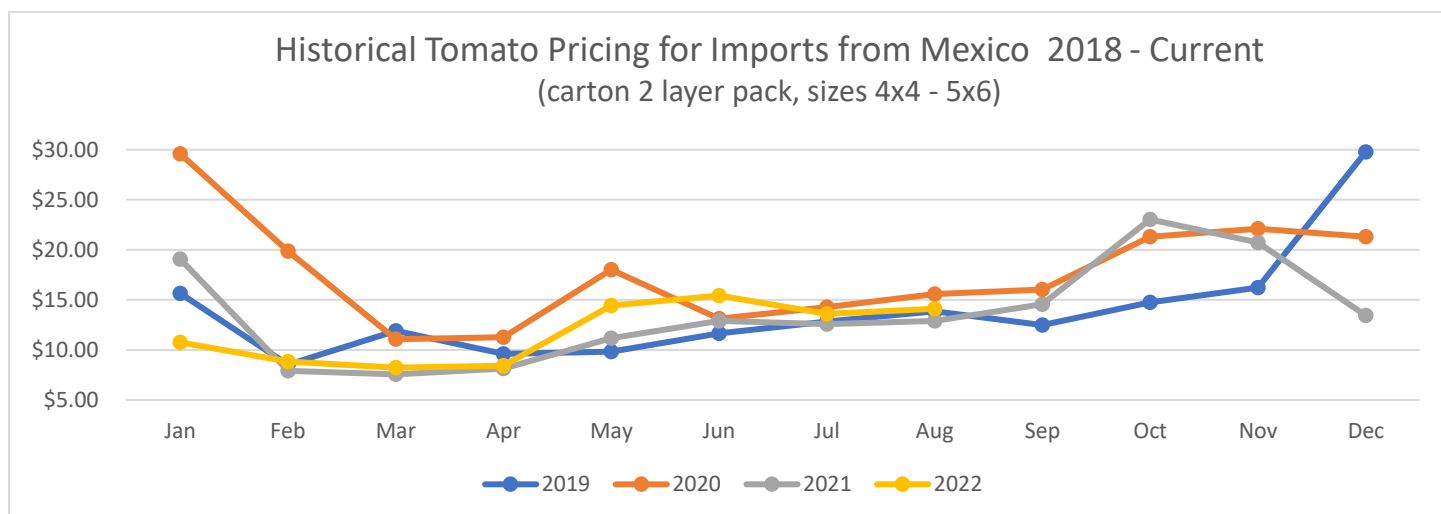


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	7/9/2022	7/16/2022	7/23/2022	7/30/2022
ASPARAGUS	CANADA	513,008	304,393	73,171	
	MEXICO	4,526,106	6,276,118	6,055,558	4,841,981
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	18,667,635	35,259,071	25,763,120	30,311,299
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	9,171,436	12,970,239	12,965,391	16,337,533
	MEXICO	21,585,443	33,817,305	27,110,384	22,911,155
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	6,514,933	11,390,082	10,472,714	8,942,454
	MEXICO	11,971,884	14,858,837	14,263,078	13,490,457
TOMATOES	CANADA	11,760,522	13,903,322	12,089,563	11,749,809
	MEXICO	21,705,823	27,384,189	24,340,105	19,053,034



The following chart, *Historical Tomato Pricing for Imports from Mexico*, is a four-year view of Mexican tomato prices at shipping point. Tomatoes are shown as they are the most consistently traded year-round. They have the highest volume of product moving between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, along with a high level of market coverage of tomatoes by USDA Market News.



To be regarded as "seasonal and perishable," agricultural products must meet the following conditions: (1) the products are fresh or chilled products falling under the following HS2002 tariff codes: 0701, 0702, 0703, 0704, 0705, 0706, 0707, 0708, 0709, 0803, 0804, 0805, 0806, 0807, 0808, 0809, 0810; (2) the products are marketed in raw form for consumption without "further processing" ("further processing" refers to e.g. crushing, juicing, canning, or any other process that transforms the product from its raw form); and (3) the products normally are marketed within eight weeks after harvesting.

For information on the imported volume and prices of the remaining Seasonal and Perishable commodities listed below please visit: <https://www.marketnews.usda.gov/mnp/fv-home>

- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks, and other alliaceous vegetables
- Cabbages, cauliflower, kohlrabi, kale, and similar edible brassicas
- Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) and chicory (*Cichorium* spp.)
- Carrots, turnips, salad beets (salad beetroot), salsify, celeriac, radishes, and similar edible roots
- Cucumbers, including gherkins
- Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled
- Other vegetables, fresh or chilled: asparagus, eggplants, celery, mushrooms and truffles, peppers (*Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*), spinach, artichokes, olives, pumpkins, squash, and gourds
- Bananas and plantains
- Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes, and mangosteens
- Citrus fruit
- Grapes
- Melons (including watermelons) and papayas (papaws)
- Apples, pears, and quinces
- Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums (including prune plums) and sloes
- Other fruit: strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, black, white, or red currants and gooseberries (other than kiwifruit), cranberries, blueberries, and other fruits of the genus *Vaccinium*, kiwifruit, durians, persimmons,
- Other berries; tamarinds