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This report provides trend analysis of the volume and prices of Seasonal Perishable commodities. Volume represents the current week, and prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on products 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.

Agricultural Weather Outlook, provided by Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB September 9, 2026:

Showers and thunderstorms triggered by a cold front will remain active for the next couple of days, leading to 1- to 3-inch rainfall totals from the central Plains to the central Appalachians. Higher totals may occur in Missouri and eastern Kansas. Late in the week, showers will become more active in the Southeast. Meanwhile, a new storm system will arrive across the northern U.S., leading to widespread weekend rain—and high-elevation snow in the northern Rockies—from the Pacific Northwest into the upper Midwest. In contrast, generally dry weather will prevail from California to Texas, aside from a few Southwestern showers. Elsewhere, summer-like heat will abate in many parts of the country, but will stubbornly persist in the south-central U.S. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for September 14 – 18 calls for the likelihood of near or below normal temperatures along and northwest of a line from central California to Lake Huron, while warmer than normal weather will prevail in the southern half of the U.S., as well as much of the Northeast and lower Midwest. Meanwhile, near or above normal precipitation across most of the country should contrast with drier than normal conditions in the Pacific Northwest.

Asparagus movement from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to remain about the same. Available supplies remain limited as 11-pound cartons/crates are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Industry sources expect increased supplies in mid-September. The F.O.B. report is expected to resume when sufficient supplies become available. Movement from Peru imports through South Florida ports of entry is expected to increase. Supplies of jumbo are very light, others are light. Trading is active. Prices are much higher. 11-pound cartons jumbo at mostly 58.75, large are mostly 50.75 and standard are mostly 44.00-46.75 with a wide range in prices.

Avocado movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is fairly slow. Prices of conventional 32s are higher, conventional 48s and 84s and organic 70s are generally unchanged, while others are lower. Hass cartons 2-layer 32s are mostly 40.25-42.25, 36s are mostly 34.25-36.25, 40s are mostly 26.25-28.25, 48s, 60s and 70s are mostly 24.25-26.25, and 84s are mostly 22.25- 24.25; organic 48s are mostly 38.25-40.25, 60s are mostly 34.25-36.25 and 70s are mostly 34.25-36.25. Extra services are included. Movement from South District, California is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is fairly slow. Prices of conventional 40s lower, others generally unchanged. Hass cartons 2-layer 32-36s are mostly 40.25-42.25, 40s and 48s are mostly 34.25- 36.25, 60s are mostly 32.25-34.25, 70s are mostly 28.25-30.25 and 84s are mostly 26.25-28.25; organic 48s are mostly 52.25-54.25, 60s are mostly 48.50-50.25 and 70s are 40.25-42.25. Extra services are included.

Blueberry movement from Peru imports, mostly via boat, through Miami, Philadelphia and New York area ports of entry is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is fairly active. Prices are slightly higher. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large are mostly 36.00-38.00. Quality is generally good. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from British Columbia, Canada crossings through Northwest Washington is expected to decrease seasonally. Current supplies are insufficient to establish a market. Movement from Oregon and Washington is

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Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is moderate. Prices of large are higher, medium are much lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium are 14.95, fair quality are mostly 8.95-9.95, ordinary quality are mostly 5.95-6.95; large are mostly 18.95-20.95. Quality and condition are variable. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to decrease slightly. Supplies are light and in few hands. Trading of large is moderate, others are slow. Prices are of medium are much lower, others are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 12.95- 14.00, fair quality are mostly 12.00, ordinary quality are mostly 5.00-6.00; large are mostly 18.95-20.95. Cartons 36s are mostly 9.00. Quality and condition are variable. Many present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Current supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Quality is generally good. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of September 13. Movement from Michigan is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. 1 1/9- bushel cartons of medium are mostly 16.00. Carton 24s are mostly 8.00. Movement from Western and Central New York is expected to remain the same. Supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Movement out of South Georgia is expected to begin the week of September 13, with the first FOB price report expected to be issued the week of September 27.

Green bell pepper movement from San Joaquin Valley, California is expected to decrease slightly. Trading was fairly active early and moderate later. Prices are slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons of extra-large are 16.95-17.95, large are 13.95-14.95, and irregular sized fair quality are 10.95-12.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Michigan is expected to remain about the same. Trading is fairly active. Prices are slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons of jumbo and extra-large are 14.00, medium fair quality are mostly 10.00.

Strawberry movement from Salinas-Watsonville, California is expected about the same. Trading is active. Prices are generally unchanged. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids medium are mostly 16.00-18.00; organic are mostly 20.00-22.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Santa Maria, California is expected to increase slightly. Trading is active. Prices are generally unchanged. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids have a wide range in price with medium at mostly 18.00-22.00 and organic at mostly 20.00-22.00. Quality is generally good.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to increase slightly. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly generally unchanged. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 17.95-19.95, 5x5s are mostly 16.95-17.95, and 5x6s are mostly 15.95-16.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Central District, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading is active. Prices of medium are slightly higher, others are generally unchanged. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens extra-large and large are mostly 15.35, medium are 12.35-13.35. Quality is generally good. Movement from Eastern Tennessee and the Virginia Eastern Shore is expected to remain about the same. Trading is active. Prices are higher. Mature Greens 85% U.S. One or Better 25-pound cartons loose 5x5-6x6 sizes are 23.35 and 6x7 size are 19.35. Quality is generally good. Extra services are included. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to decrease. Supplies are light as Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer are in too few hands to establish a market. Quality and condition are variable. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Alabama is expected to remain about the same. Supplies are fairly light. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. Mature Greens 85% U.S. One or Better 25-pound cartons loose 5x5 size are 20.35, 5x6 size are 18.35-20.35, and 6x6 size are 18.35. Quality is generally good. Extra services included.

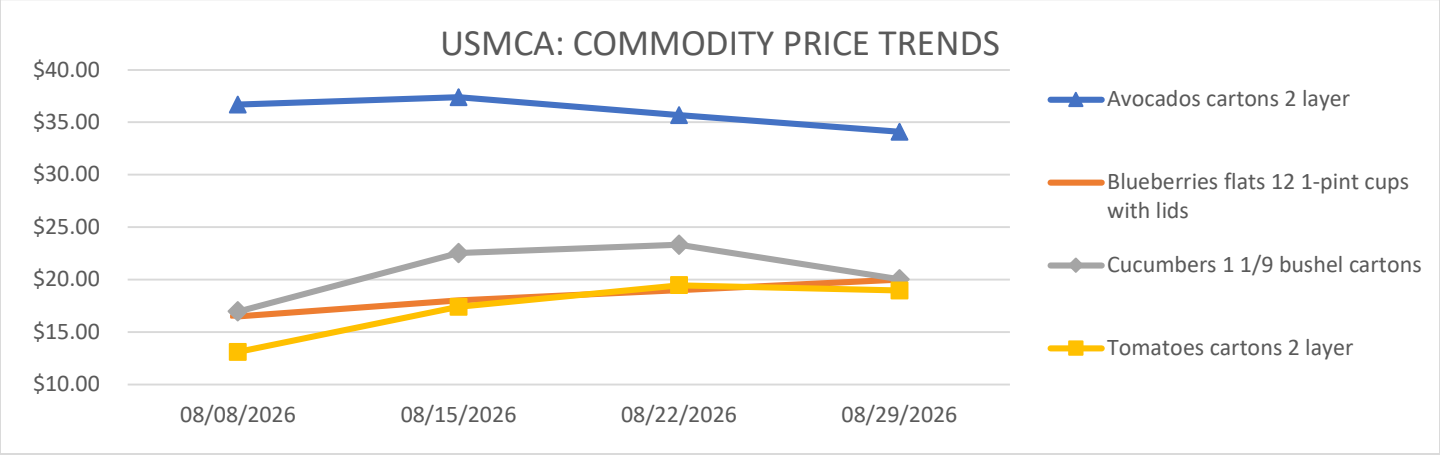
Seasonal changes have led to a shift in the commodities of interest for this report. Asparagus, Green Bell Pepper and Strawberry prices are not available from Mexico or Canada. This list will be revisited regularly to maintain an accurate representation of the current trade situation affecting shippers of perishable commodities in North America.

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

Tables have not been updated this week due to technical issues.

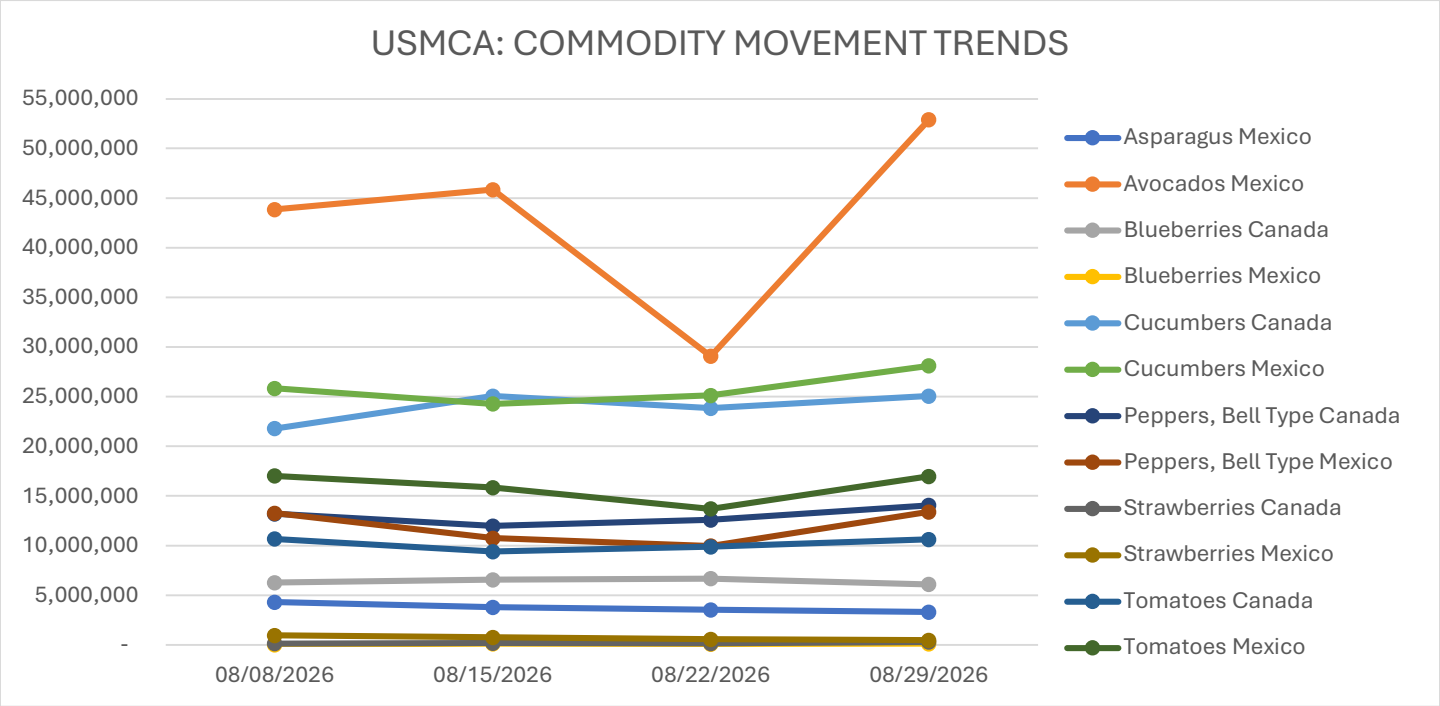
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

commodity	package	08/08/2026	08/15/2026	08/22/2026	08/29/2026
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	$ 36.68	$ 37.39	$ 35.68	$ 34.11
Blueberries	flats 12 1-pint cups with lids	$ 16.50	$ 18.00	$ 19.00	$ 20.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	$ 16.96	$ 22.52	$ 23.33	$ 20.02
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	$ 13.10	$ 17.40	$ 19.48	$ 18.98

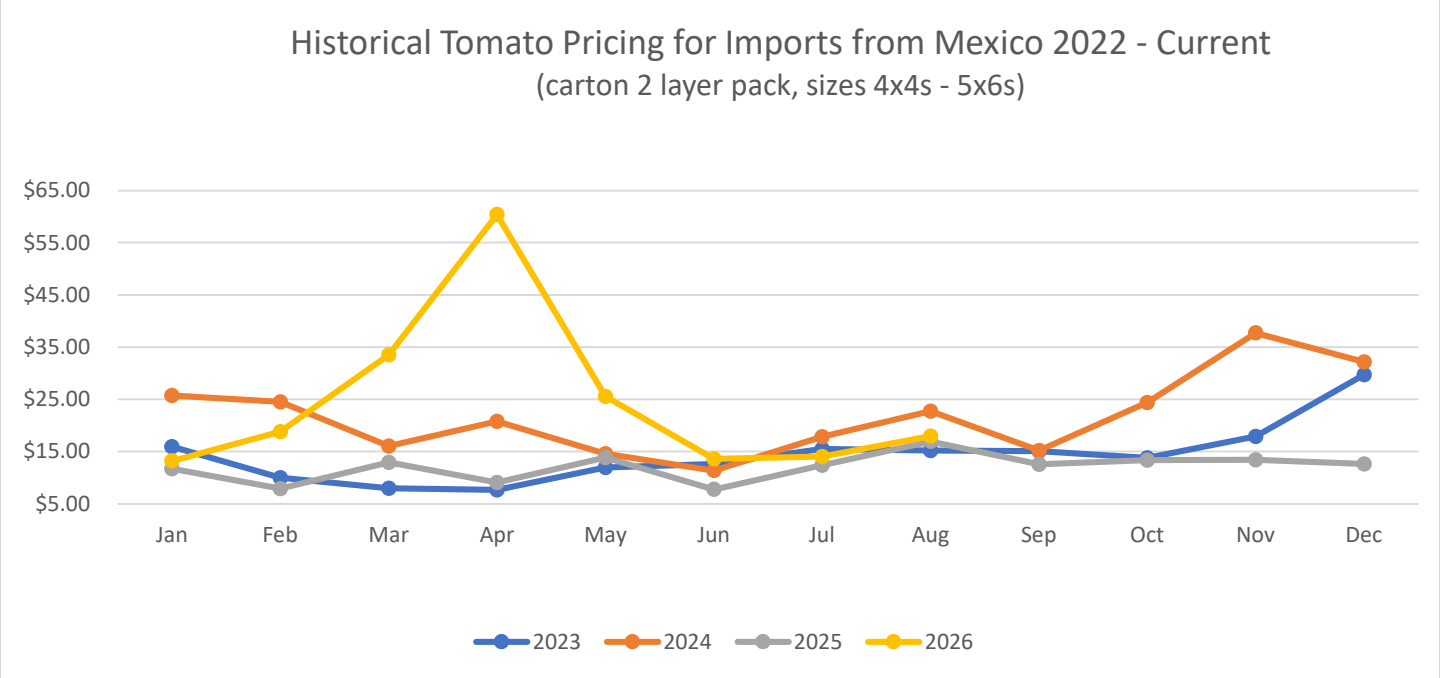


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

commodity	origin	08/08/2026	08/15/2026	08/22/2026	08/29/2026
Asparagus	Mexico	4,319,091	3,796,104	3,543,125	3,318,110
Avocados	Mexico	43,850,475	45,850,043	29,091,561	52,913,805
Blueberries	Canada	6,269,931	6,587,682	6,697,327	6,118,503
	Mexico	41,445	132,628	97,844	117,860
Cucumbers	Canada	21,803,959	25,084,178	23,855,979	25,064,249
	Mexico	25,837,061	24,284,909	25,130,702	28,117,139
Peppers, Bell Type	Canada	13,216,280	11,994,571	12,609,971	14,068,988
	Mexico	13,265,313	10,765,650	9,977,249	13,406,153
Strawberries	Canada	142,937	179,186	148,417	312,689
	Mexico	963,480	754,891	561,185	484,332
Tomatoes	Canada	10,689,307	9,408,466	9,900,446	10,637,016
	Mexico	17,034,076	15,852,108	13,713,710	16,979,618



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 remaining Seasonal and Perishable commodities listed below please visit:

- Movement https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/general-resources/Specialty-Crops
- Prices https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/general-resources/Specialty-Crops

- 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 fruits: 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