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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.

Rising crude oil prices continue to increase costs for transportation and packing materials across the food service industry. Although not a major factor in this week's jump in fuel prices, the oil spill off the coast of Huntington Beach, California, has been highlighted in the news media this week as a reminder of how fragile the refinery and distribution networks are. Diesel fuel and gasoline are currently at their highest levels since 2014, further complicating the transportation woes already in play from lack of available trucks and qualified drivers. Increased demand, due to both online orders for delivery and personal travel to visit family and friends leading into the holiday season, is likely to see these trends continue.

Mexican avocado crossings through Texas movement expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate with a wide range in prices but generally trending lower as heavy volumes continue. Shippers are trying to move fruit from the previous week rather than hold out for higher prices or risk waste. Avocado movement from the South District of California is mostly finished for the season and the last reports have been issued.

Peruvian imports of blueberries arriving through the Philadelphia and New York City areas movement via boat is expected to remain about the same. Trading was active with prices slightly higher. Mexican blueberries crossing through Arizona, California, and Texas movement is expected to increase. Trading was fairly slow at slightly lower prices with heavier crossing volumes expected to continue to bring prices lower. Peruvian imports arriving through Southern California movement via boat is expected to remain about the same. Vessels have been adaptive in finding ways around and through port blockages including by rerouting to smaller entry points such as Port Hueneme. Delays in unloading and waits for inspection are still causing fruit to show condition issues by the time it arrives at markets. Trading was active with prices generally unchanged. The final reports have been issued for blueberries from Oregon and Washington and shipments are largely finished for the season.

Mexican cucumber crossings through Texas movement expected about the same, with moderate trading on light available supplies. Prices were lower on medium and slightly lower on others, with most supplies reserved for contracts or previous commitments. Mexican cucumber crossings through Otay Mesa movement expected about the same. Trading on large was very active at higher prices, while others had moderate trading with much lower prices. Hotter temperatures in growing areas should continue to increase available supplies. Most present shipments are from prior bookings or previous commitments. Cucumbers from Mexico crossing through Nogales, Arizona movement is expected to increase seasonally. Current supplies remain in too few hands to establish a market, with the first F.O.B. price report expected by the end of the week. Movement out of Western and Central New York is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading was moderate at higher prices, though no FOB price report is currently being issued. Cucumbers out of South

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Georgia movement is expected to increase. Trading was moderate with prices generally unchanged. Quality is reported as generally good. Cucumbers out of Central and South Florida movement is expected to increase slightly. Trading was moderate with prices generally unchanged.

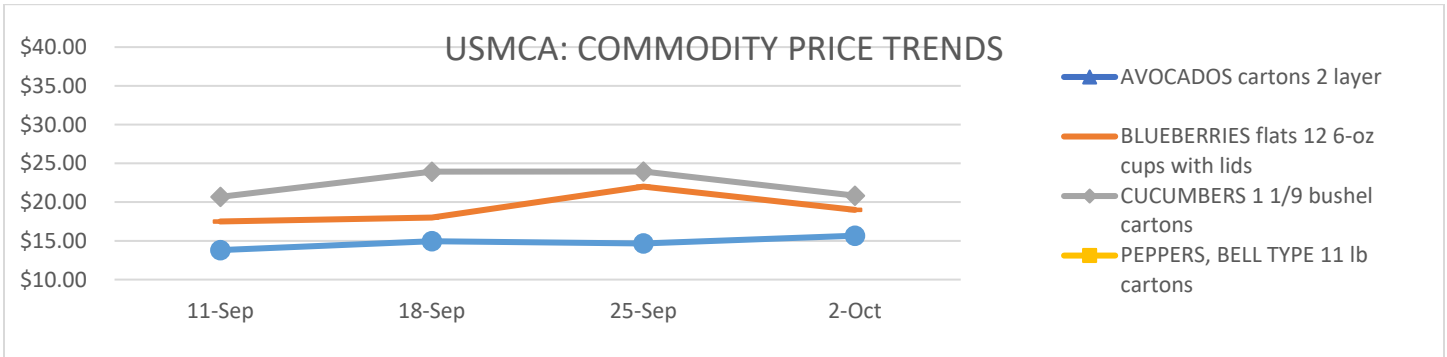
Movement of green bell peppers out of the San Joaquin Valley, California is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading was moderate with most prices generally unchanged. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading was slow early and very slow later with prices generally unchanged. Most available supplies of green bell peppers remain reserved for contracts or previous commitments, with good demand on all sizes. Movement of Michigan bell peppers is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading was moderate at lower prices. Movement out of South District California is expected about the same. Trading was active moderate with prices generally unchanged. Supplies remain in too few hands to establish a market and no F.O.B. price report is currently being issued. Movement out of Western North Carolina expected to continue seasonal decrease. Trading was moderate with prices lower. Harvest of green bell peppers out of South Georgia has begun and the first F.O.B. price report has been issued.

Movement of Mexico tomato crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading was moderate early and fairly active later. Prices were slightly higher with most present shipments from prior bookings or previous commitments. Demand remains fairly good for all sizes and packages. Supplies of 25lb cartons of 6x6 size are in too few hands to establish a market. Tomato movement out of Central District California is expected about the same. Trading was active early and moderate later on fairly light supplies. Prices were slightly lower on medium and slightly higher on others with most present shipments are from prior bookings or previous commitments. Demand remains good with weather curtailing harvests late in the week. Harvest is expected to come to an end by the end of the month with some shippers finishing within the next two weeks. Movement out of Eastern Tennessee is expected to decrease, with harvests curtailed throughout the week due to rain and wet fields. Trading was moderate at lower prices. Demand was moderate and many growers expect to finish for the season within the next week to 10 days. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa is expected about the same. Trading was active on available supplies. Prices were slightly higher to higher with good movement at this price level. Supplies are light and most of the current shipments are from prior bookings or previous commitments. Movement of tomatoes out of Alabama is expected to decrease. Supplies remain light as rain and wet fields have once again curtailed harvest. Trading and demand were moderate with prices generally unchanged. Tomato movement out of Michigan is expected to decrease seasonally. Remaining supplies are in too few hands to establish a market and the last report has been issued. Movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to continue seasonal decrease. Trading was moderate at slightly lower prices. Light harvest is expected out of Florida West District within the next 10 days, with sufficient volume for an F.O.B. price report within two weeks, as weather in growing areas has delayed crop maturity past earlier estimates.

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

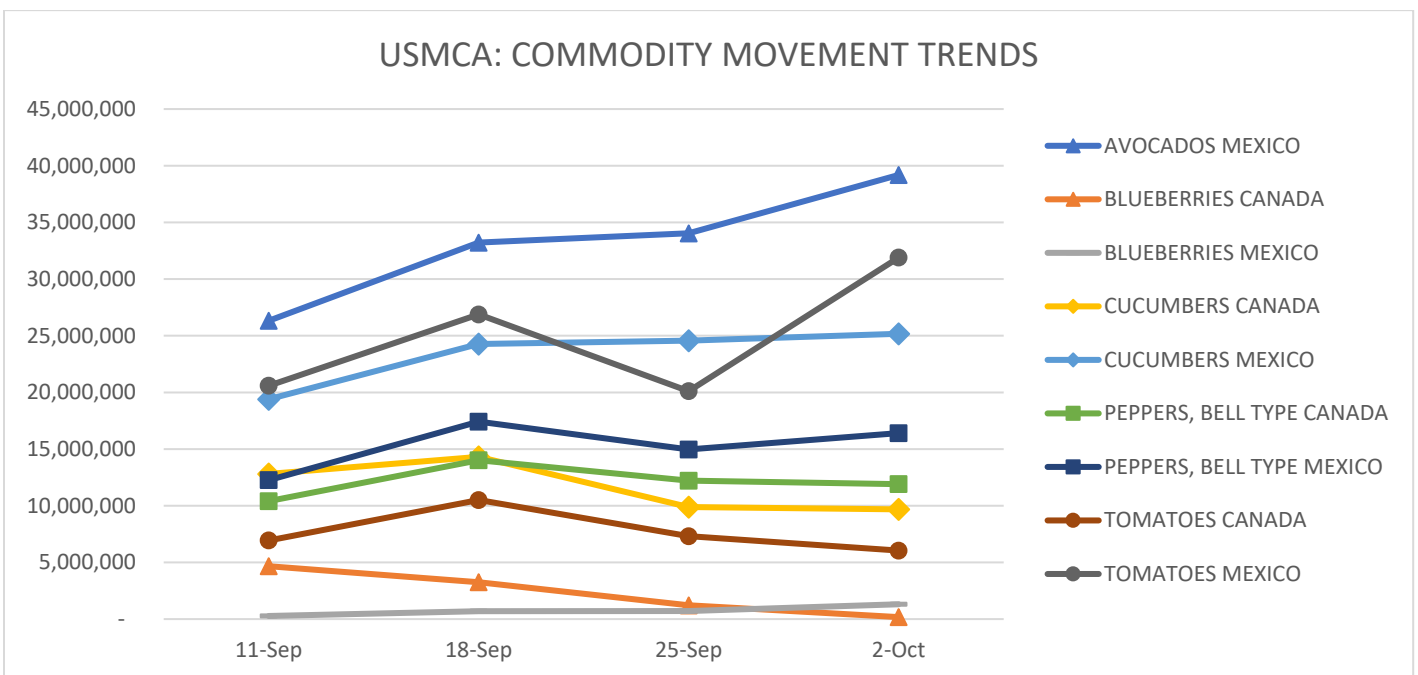
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	2-Oct
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 45.65	\$ 46.15	\$ 49.92	\$ 46.18
BLUEBERRIES	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 17.50	\$ 18.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 19.00
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 20.68	\$ 23.93	\$ 23.95	\$ 20.83
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb cartons	\$ 7.31	\$ 6.88	\$ 6.63	\$ 5.94
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 13.81	\$ 14.95	\$ 14.66	\$ 15.66

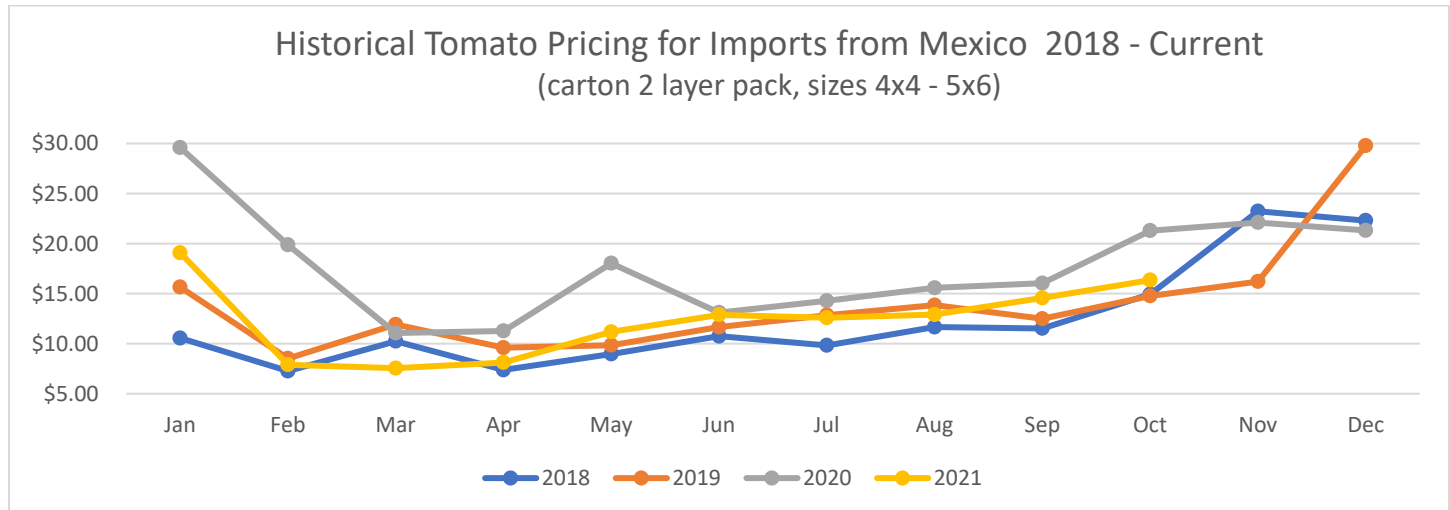


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	2-Oct
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	26,320,048	33,218,443	34,035,313	39,186,215
BLUEBERRIES	CANADA	4,664,637	3,256,833	1,213,135	173,861
	MEXICO	273,970	700,015	714,977	1,307,313
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	12,803,445	14,313,219	9,880,715	9,681,603
	MEXICO	19,399,261	24,264,698	24,563,957	25,172,217
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	10,407,522	14,015,365	12,214,463	11,905,166
	MEXICO	12,258,412	17,421,136	14,961,221	16,402,672
TOMATOES	CANADA	6,939,170	10,506,138	7,311,735	6,045,175
	MEXICO	20,589,854	26,878,186	20,109,419	31,894,597



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