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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.

The shipping industry generally showed several improving trends again this week. The Port of Savannah, the fourth-busiest US seaport for cargo, reported a 20% increase in container numbers handled for 2021, and January 2022 numbers already show an additional 4% monthly increase. New equipment and added workers have allowed ports such as Savannah to take on increased cargo traffic to help alleviate the historic backlogs which are slowly clearing at Southern California ports. Domestic and border crossing truck rates also showed slight but consistent decreases out of many growing areas. Although diesel fuel prices continue to rise, truck availability has improved significantly, and most regions now have adequate equipment and drivers to fulfill current needs.

Mexican blueberry crossings through Arizona, California, and Texas movement expected about the same. Trading was fairly slow to slow at slightly lower prices. Quality and condition are both reported as variable. Movement of Chilean blueberries via boat through the various East Coast and West Coast ports of entry is expected to decrease as the season is past its peak and quality issues are impacting marketing decisions. Trading on both coasts was slow at lower prices. A very wide range in quality is reported.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading active with prices on medium much higher and others generally unchanged. Current demand exceeds very light supplies. Quality is reported as variable. Movement of Mexican cucumber crossings through Texas is expected to increase. Trading was fairly active to active at higher prices. Most present shipments are from prior bookings or previous commitments, and quality is reported as variable. Shipments of cucumbers via boat out of Central America into South Florida ports expected about the same and to remain sporadic. Vessel and container delays continue to affect movement and supplies are very light. Trading active at much higher prices, with demand exceeding available supplies. Quality is reported as variable, but generally good.

Green bell peppers movement from Mexico crossing through Nogales, Arizona expected about the same. Trading on green was slow at much lower prices. Demand is poor as volume has increased. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected about the same. Trading active at slightly higher prices. Quality reported as variable, and most shipments are for colored bell peppers. Movement of

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green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida is expected to increase slightly. Trading moderate at much lower prices early in the week firming up later. Demand moderate as supplies have increased throughout the week.

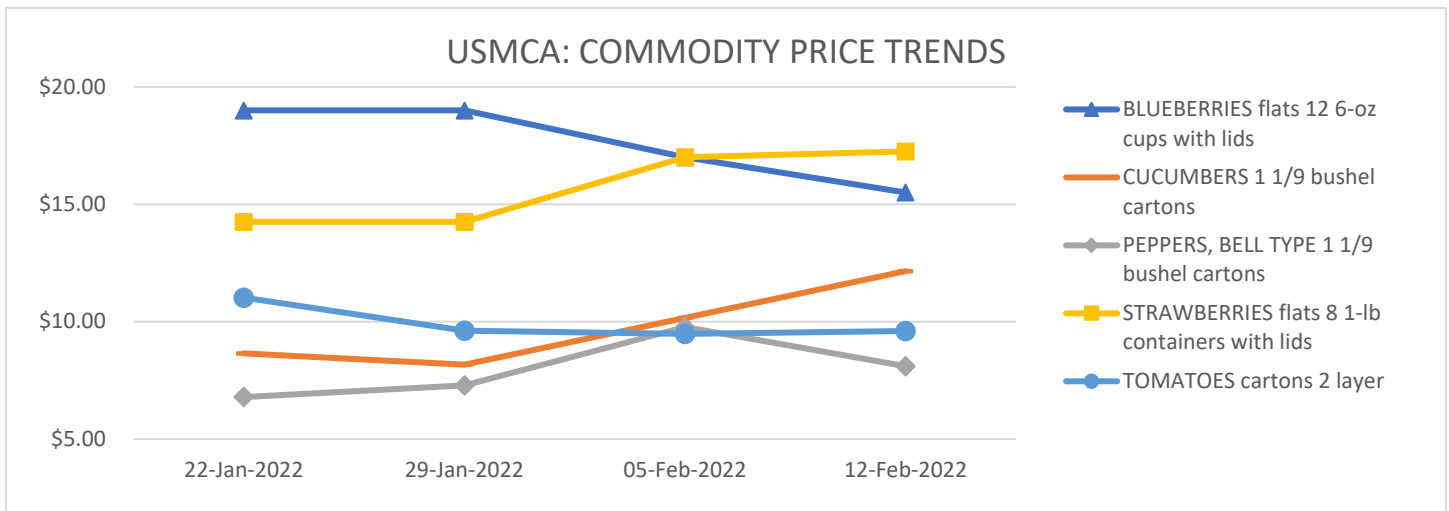
Mexico strawberry crossings through Texas movement is expected to decrease. Trading was moderate at lower prices. Quality reported as variable. Strawberry movement out of Central Florida expected to increase. Trading on conventional berries was very active with very good demand but lower prices early in the week and firming up later. Supplies of organic berries were very light and there were too few sales to establish a market until late in the week. Mexico strawberry crossings through the Otay Mesa movement expected to increase. Trading fairly slow on conventional and slow on organic. Prices were slightly lower overall, with quality and condition reported as variable. Strawberries from Oxnard District California movement is expected to increase. Trading was moderate at slightly lower prices on conventional, and fairly slow at lower prices on organic. Quality and condition are reported as variable. Movement of strawberries out of Santa Maria California expected to increase. Current supplies are in too few hands to establish a market and the first F.O.B. report is expected by the end of the week. Quality and condition are currently reported as variable.

Movement of Mexico tomato crossings through Texas expected about the same. Trading was moderate early and fairly slow later. Prices for cartons loose much lower, 2-layers lower. Quality reported as generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to decrease. Trading fairly slow with prices generally unchanged. Demand remained fairly light due to competing volumes from imports and limited sales caused by winter weather in the Northeast and Midwest. Some slight improvement in demand was seen late in the week. Movement of Mexican tomatoes crossing through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate with prices on 2-layers lower and cartons loose generally unchanged. Demand moderate with prices continuing to be limited by competition with low Roma pricing.

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

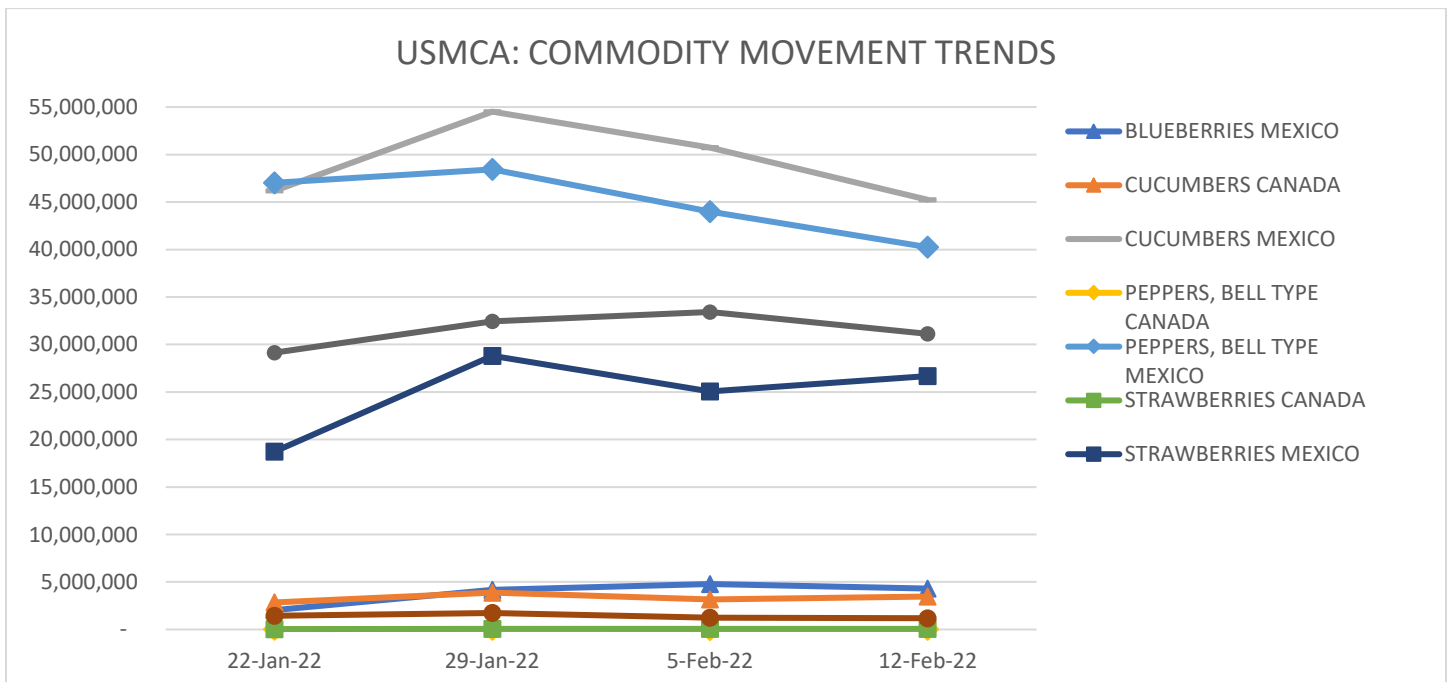
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	22-Jan-2022	29-Jan-2022	05-Feb-2022	12-Feb-2022
BLUEBERRIES	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 15.50
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.17	\$ 10.16	\$ 12.15
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 6.78	\$ 7.28	\$ 9.77	\$ 8.10
STRAWBERRIES	flats 8 1-lb containers with lids	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.25	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.25
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 11.02	\$ 9.62	\$ 9.48	\$ 9.60

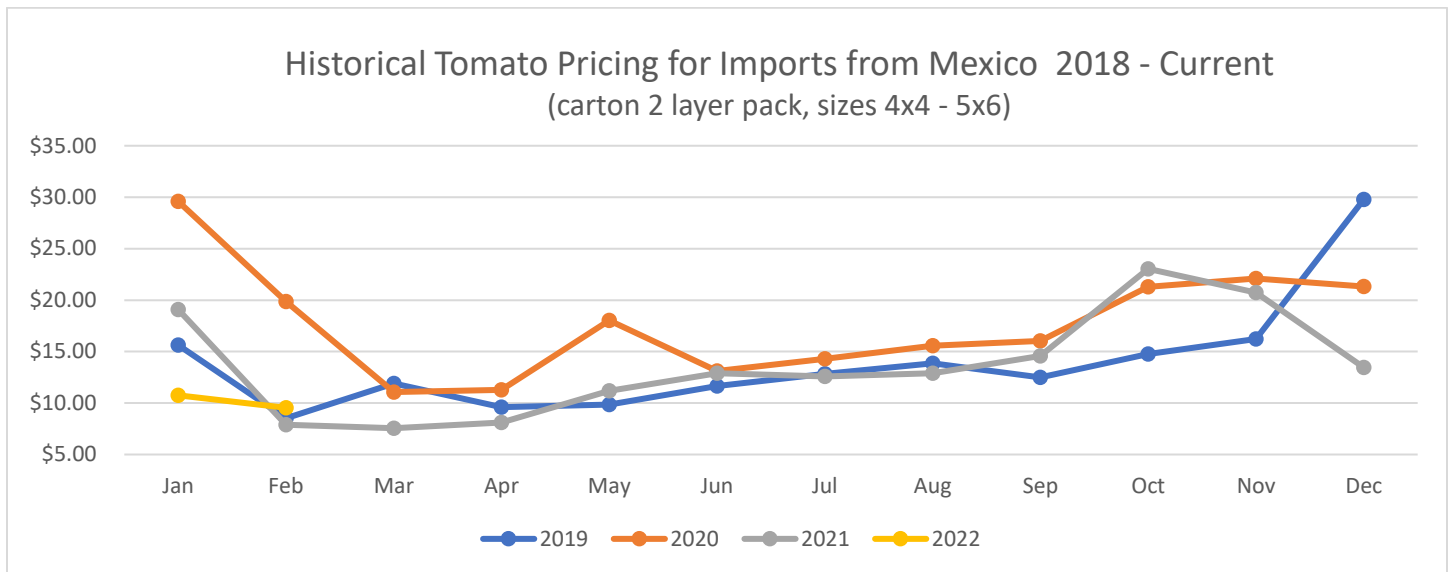


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	22-Jan-22	29-Jan-22	5-Feb-22	12-Feb-22
BLUEBERRIES	MEXICO	2,037,747	4,172,849	4,786,043	4,304,263
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	2,845,247	3,880,677	3,146,359	3,463,760
	MEXICO	46,187,944	54,516,202	50,733,274	45,238,069
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	21,067	27,503	8,829	16,219
	MEXICO	47,012,691	48,435,526	43,981,880	40,247,156
STRAWBERRIES	CANADA	40,386	65,374	52,740	56,306
	MEXICO	18,726,227	28,808,113	25,072,155	26,682,137
TOMATOES	CANADA	1,458,586	1,734,008	1,241,112	1,185,907
	MEXICO	29,145,884	32,426,465	33,427,329	31,131,174



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