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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.

Hurricane season officially began this week, and right on schedule the first named storm of the year has already made landfall. Hurricane Agatha moved north along the Mexican Pacific coast before making landfall late Monday. The storm produced damaging winds and heavy rains across Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula before weakening into a Tropical Storm in the Gulf of Mexico. Flash floods and mudslides are possible across the northwestern Caribbean, Guatemala, and Belize. Rains should reach southern Florida by the coming weekend, with heavy rain in the forecast expected to delay harvest and shipments of produce out of the area.

Movement of Peruvian asparagus through South Florida ports of entry expected to decrease slightly. Trading jumbo slow, others very slow. Prices lower for fairly heavy supplies. Production in southern Peru expected to decrease while production in northern Peru expected to increase by mid-June. Some sales going to consignment as shipments face competition from domestic growing areas. Movement of Mexican asparagus crossing through Arizona, California and Texas is expected about the same. Trading was slow at lower prices. Most shipments being booked at previously committed prices, with prices reported representing very few spot market sales. Production finishing up in the Obregon region and expected to move into Central Mexico by June 6. Movement of asparagus from Michigan expected to increase as more growers begin harvesting. Trading active at lower prices. Movement of asparagus out of Walla Walla District and Lower Yakima Valley Washington expected to decrease as most growers have finished cuttings for the fresh market. A wide variety in prices reported as supplies light and in too few hands to establish a market. The last report has been issued, with light shipments expected to continue through June 17.

Mexican avocado crossings through Texas are expected to increase slightly. Trading was fairly slow, with prices on 84s lower and others higher. Shippers report only purchasing only what is needed to fill orders in an effort to wait out the high prices, keeping demand fairly light. Avocado movement from Southern California expected to remain about the same. Trading was moderate with prices on 84s generally unchanged, 32s and 36s lower, and others higher. Organic prices expected to rise until new crop fruit becomes available.

Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossing through Texas expected about the same. Trading was moderate with prices medium much lower and large slightly lower. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality is reported as variable. Cucumbers crossings from Mexico through Nogales, Arizona are expected to decrease seasonally. Trading moderate with prices medium generally unchanged, others lower. Quality is reported as variable due to heat in growing areas. Volumes lighter with steady demand though buyers are only purchasing what is needed as they wait for prices to drop. Most shippers expected to finish by next week as the season

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comes to an end. The first F.O.B. price report has been issued for cucumbers out of South Georgia. Movement expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate with prices medium slightly higher, others lower. Quality is reported as generally good. Mexico crossings of cucumbers through Otay Mesa are expected to increase seasonally. Trading fairly active early and moderate later. Prices large and 36s were slightly lower, medium generally unchanged. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Demand good and shippers hope to increase production by next week. Quality is reported as generally good. Very light movement is currently underway out of Eastern North Carolina, with more expected by the end of the week. No F.O.B. price report is currently being issued. The last F.O.B. price report for cucumbers from Central and South Florida has been issued, while shipments of pickles continue.

Movement of green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California expected to decrease seasonally. Trading moderate at slightly lower prices. Supplies of some sizes insufficient to establish a market. Quality is reported as variable. Movement green bell peppers out of South Georgia expected to increase. Trading moderate at lower prices which have dropped quickly after a strong start to the season. Movement of green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida expected to slightly decrease as more shippers finish the season. Trading active on extra-large and moderate on others at lower prices. Demand fairly good through the week for light to very light supplies. The final F.O.B. report price was issued Thursday as supplies are now in too few hands to establish a market.

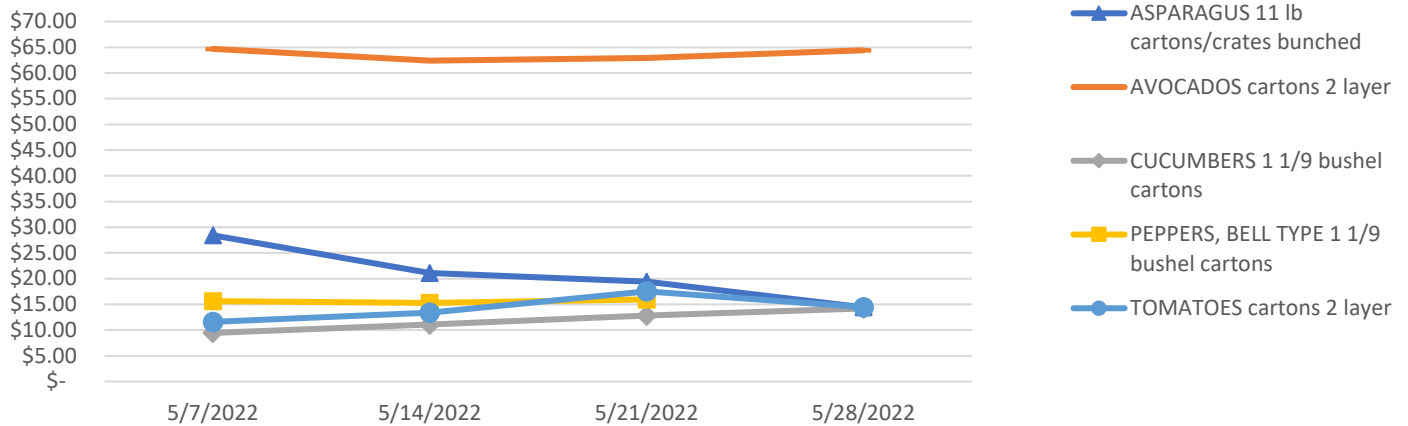
Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida expected to decrease as a few growers have finished for the season. Trading and demand moderate with prices 6x7 size generally unchanged and others lower. Supplies out of Central Florida decreasing. Quality reported as generally good. Movement of Mexico tomatoes crossing through Texas expected about the same. Trading fairly active, with prices 4x4s and 4x5s lower, others much lower. Quality reported as generally good. Movement of Mexican tomatoes crossing through Nogales, Arizona expected to decrease seasonally. Supplies 5x5s light resulting in active trading and higher prices for that size. Other sizes trading fairly active at lower prices. Quality is reported as generally good, with most product for previous contracts and supplies light for the spot market. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase seasonally, with current supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. The first F.O.B. price report expected to be issued by the end of the week, and quality is currently reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Florida West expected to increase as more growers start harvest by the end of the week. The first F.O.B. price report was issued this week, and most volume is currently in the gas rooms receiving color. Current demand is good with prices about steady. Light shipments of tomatoes out of Southeastern Arkansas expected to begin within 2-5 days. No F.O.B. price report is currently being issued, with sufficient volume and number of shippers expected by the week of June 5.

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	5/7/2022	5/14/2022	5/21/2022	5/28/2022
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 28.42	\$ 21.08	\$ 19.42	\$ 14.42
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 64.68	\$ 62.39	\$ 62.89	\$ 64.39
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 9.45	\$ 11.09	\$ 12.81	\$ 14.20
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 15.62	\$ 15.28	\$ 15.95	
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 11.59	\$ 13.38	\$ 17.52	\$ 14.46

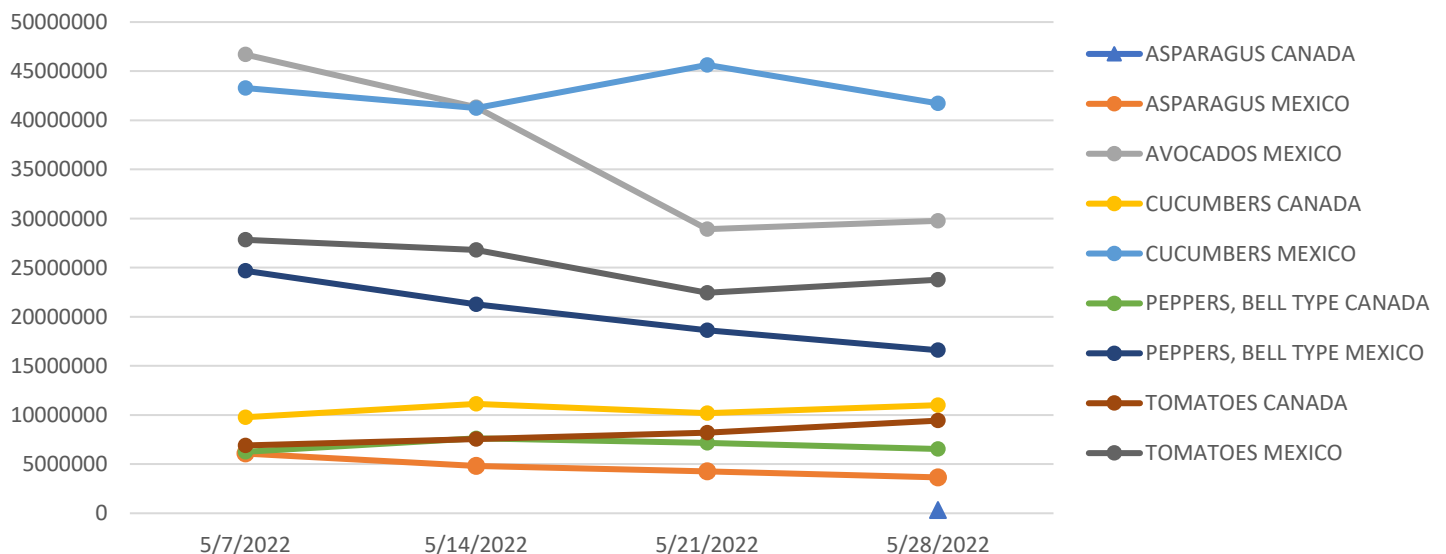
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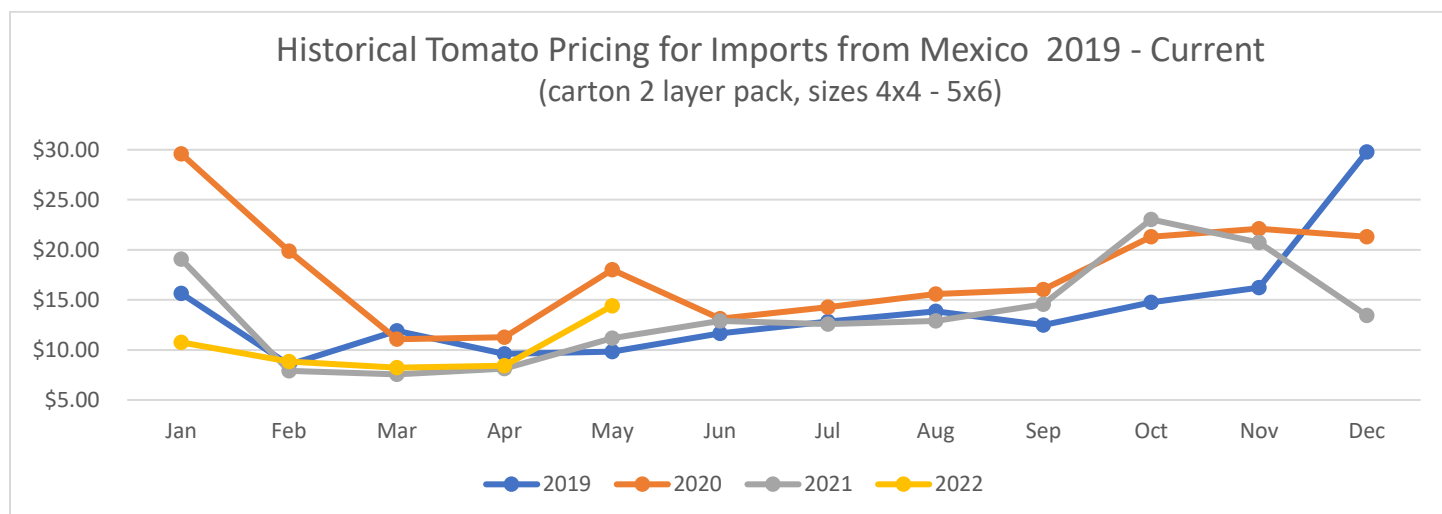
Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	5/7/2022	5/14/2022	5/21/2022	5/28/2022
ASPARAGUS	CANADA				314,125
	MEXICO	6,078,168	4,805,954	4,270,129	3,655,262
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	46,693,889	41,340,825	28,920,104	29,771,885
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	9,776,299	11,134,777	10,199,322	11,011,607
	MEXICO	43,273,654	41,247,861	45,636,717	41,712,360
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	6,257,940	7,629,119	7,149,707	6,538,773
	MEXICO	24,679,668	21,258,511	18,614,713	16,595,525
TOMATOES	CANADA	6,905,361	7,560,226	8,216,908	9,432,765
	MEXICO	27,835,170	26,796,454	22,445,786	23,781,127

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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:

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- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks, and other alliacious 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