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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 first named storm of the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season came right on the heels of its Pacific counterpart, with the arrival of Tropical Storm Alex early this week. Alex, which formed partly from the remnants of last week's Hurricane Agatha, caused flooding across South Florida after forming near Bermuda and killing at least 3 in Cuba. Ocean freight in the Gulf and transportation across South Florida were affected, with this year's season again predicted to experience above normal activity and as many as 21 named storms considered likely.

Movement of Peruvian asparagus through South Florida ports of entry expected to remain about the same. Trading on light supplies of jumbo moderate, others very slow for heavy supplies. Prices jumbo slightly higher, standard lower, small generally unchanged and others slightly lower. Supplies of white are in too few hands to establish a market. Production expected to complete shift to northern Peru by mid-June. Some sales still going to consignment or allowing for price adjustments as the market remains very slow, but shippers hope for improved bookings by the end of the week with July 4 retail pull expected to begin the week of June 19. Much jumbo, extra-large and large product has been shipped to European markets where prices are higher. Movement of Mexican asparagus crossing through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading was slow at lower prices again this week, but demand is picking up slightly as some local deals start to finish and prices were trending upwards by the end of the week. Supplies jumbo light and many large size being sent to export market. Most shipments continue to be booked at previously committed prices, with prices reported representing very few spot market sales. Movement of asparagus from Michigan expected to remain about the same. Trading fairly active with prices generally unchanged.

Mexican avocado crossings through Texas are expected to increase slightly. Trading moderate, with prices on 70s higher, 40s-60s lower and others generally unchanged. Avocado movement from Southern California expected to remain about the same. Trading was moderate with prices on 78s and 84s higher, 40s lower and others generally unchanged.

Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossing through Texas expected to decrease slightly. Trading was good with prices slightly higher on medium and higher on large. Quality variable. Cucumbers crossing from Mexico through Nogales, Arizona are expected to finish this week due to very hot temperatures and issues with a wide range in quality and condition. Trading is moderate with prices lower on all sizes. Movement expected to decrease sharply. Buying is hit and miss depending on the day of the week. Movement in South Georgia is expected about the same. Trading is

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moderate with prices lower but expected to remain steady. Quality is reported as generally good. Mexico crossings of cucumbers through Otay Mesa, California are expected to increase seasonally as more shippers get fully underway. Trading moderate, late active with large slightly higher, others generally unchanged. Quality is generally good. Supplies are moving in and going out in a consistent basis. Prices will be adjusting as more product is available for the spot market. Movement in Eastern North Carolina volume is very light but is expected to increase seasonally. Currently no F.O.B. is being issued. The season in Central and South Florida has ended with lighter shipments of pickles expected to continue.

Movement of green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California expected to decrease seasonally. Trading moderate for very light supplies. Trading green moderate at higher prices, and demand good with most available product Choice or fair quality. Supplies expected to increase in coming weeks as growers start up again for another round of harvest in this and other California growing areas. Movement green bell peppers out of South Georgia expected to increase. Trading fairly slow at lower prices that continued to fall throughout the week. Supplies are plentiful and reported quality has improved to generally good. The last report for bell peppers from Central and South Florida has been issued, as supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a report. The first report for green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California has been issued as harvest began this week. Quality is expected to be generally good, with the first F.O.B. price report expected the week of June 19.

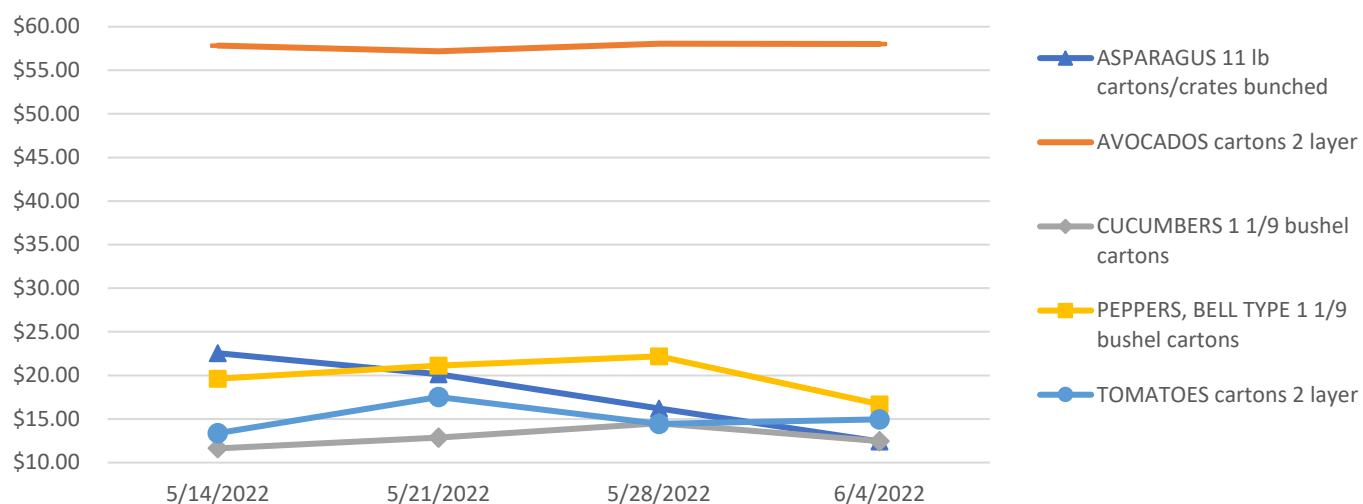
The tomato movement out of Central and South Florida has finished for the season. A last report was issued on Monday with lighter shipments expected to continue for the next two days. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas movement expected about the same. Trading fairly active with prices loose much higher, two-layer slightly higher. Quality is being reported as generally good. Movement of Mexican tomatoes crossing through Nogales, Arizona expected to decrease sharply as the season is nearing an end. Supplies are in few hands. Trading was early fairly active, late moderate. Prices on 5x5s are lower and steady on 4x4-4x5s. Demand has started to shift towards Otay Mesa because Nogales is slowing down. Some trucking companies have started to stay away from Nogales due to the difficulty of getting a full load. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase next week but supplies remain in few hands. Trading is moderate but expected to get active as more buyers are made aware of more tomato supplies. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Florida West and South Carolina District is expected to increase as more growers start the season. Trading early active, late moderate with prices lower. Some showers are expected in the afternoon curtailing harvest in West Florida. Tomatoes out of Southeastern Arkansas have begun with light volumes but expected to go up this week. As more shippers get underway, an F.O.B. will be issued within seven days.

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	5/14/2022	5/21/2022	5/28/2022	6/4/2022
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 22.55	\$ 20.15	\$ 16.19	\$ 12.42
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 57.83	\$ 57.18	\$ 58.05	\$ 58.03
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 11.63	\$ 12.88	\$ 14.51	\$ 12.45
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 19.64	\$ 21.13	\$ 22.19	\$ 16.70
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 13.38	\$ 17.52	\$ 14.46	\$ 14.96

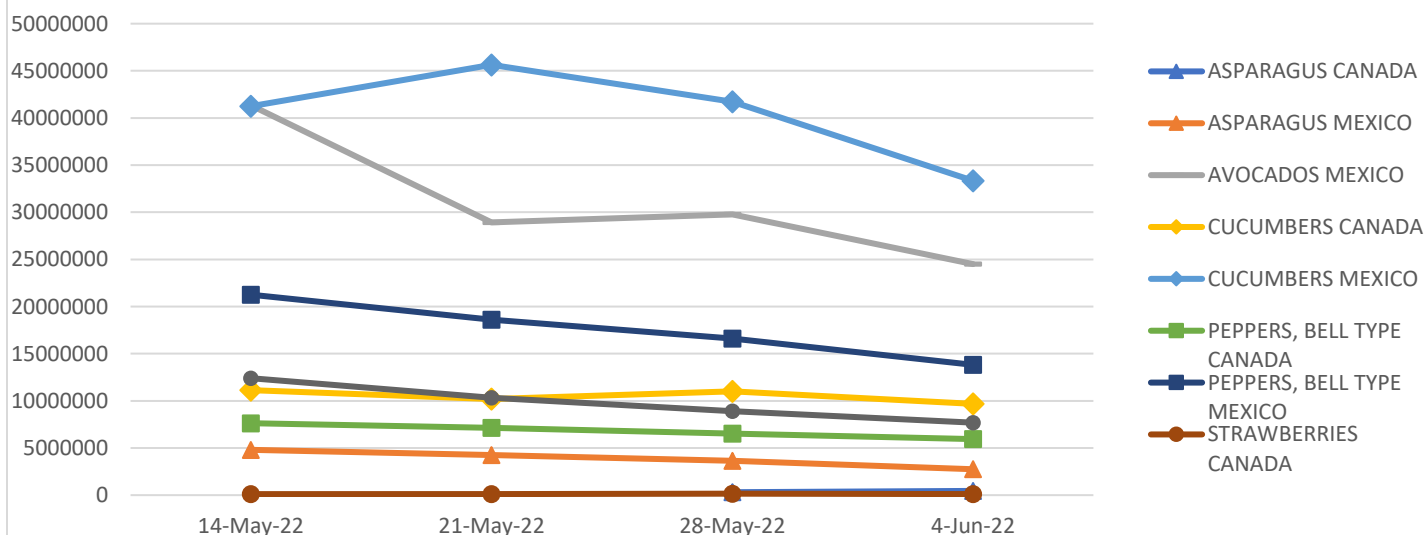
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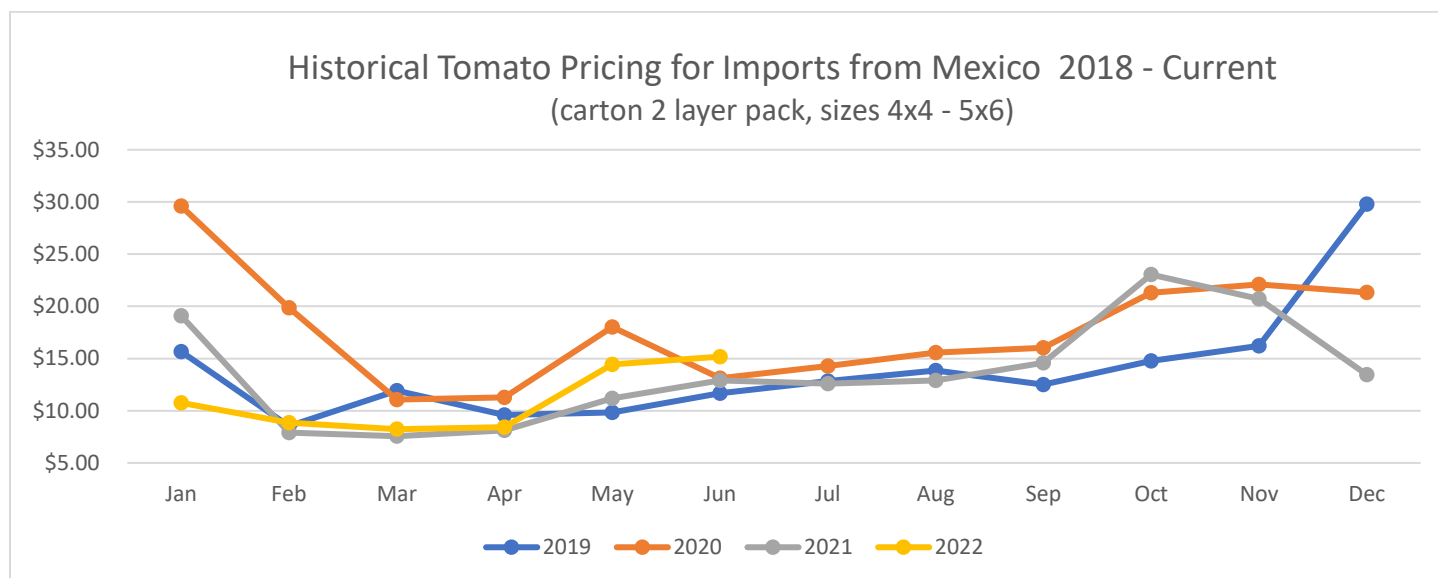
Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	14-May-22	21-May-22	28-May-22	4-Jun-22
ASPARAGUS	CANADA			314,125	449,556
	MEXICO	4,805,954	4,270,129	3,655,262	2,749,257
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	41,340,825	28,920,104	29,771,885	24,501,095
	CANADA				
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	11,134,777	10,199,322	11,011,607	9,682,870
	MEXICO	41,247,861	45,636,717	41,712,360	33,344,481
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	7,629,119	7,149,707	6,538,773	5,945,577
	MEXICO	21,258,511	18,614,713	16,595,525	13,822,512
STRAWBERRIES	CANADA	109,853	117,613	158,039	114,965
	MEXICO	12,402,840	10,342,026	8,915,920	7,689,138

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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: <https://www.marketnews.usda.gov/mnp/fv-home>

- 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