



# Specialty Crops Market News Division U.S. Mexico Canada Agreement Seasonal Perishable Products Weekly Update

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## **Update for Week of July 10 - 16, 2022**

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.

As most people wait for the summer months to come and enjoy the hotter temperatures by the pool or beach, we are reminded that it comes with its own challenges. We are now experiencing some of the hottest temperatures of the summer. With triple-digit temperatures in many parts of the country, it can get extremely hot and have serious effects on the body. Wild and manmade fires are burning all over the country and destroying millions of acres of forest and vegetation. As a result of excessive heat within some growing areas, it can have an adverse effect with farming and harvesting of crops. This will put some pressure on the produce markets with lighter supplies available and higher prices for the consumer. Other than the heat affecting produce markets, transitioning to newer fields is also a contributing factor with fewer supplies in the market.

Movement of Mexican asparagus crossings through Arizona, California and Texas expected to remain about the same. Trading jumbo and large size fairly active while standard is fairly slow. Prices are slightly lower, while jumbo is generally unchanged. Peruvian imports of asparagus through South Florida ports of entry expected about the same. One shipper remarked that a delay would be helpful and good at this time, but product keeps coming in and on time. Another shipper commented that arrivals are fairly steady due to a slight container shortage allotted to Peruvian asparagus when compared to other commodities. Trading on jumbo, extra-large and standard moderate, others fairly slow. Prices extra-large slightly higher, large generally unchanged, others slightly lower. The asparagus market is showing a slight improvement in demand compared to last week, but still facing competition from other growing areas. Movement of asparagus from Michigan expected to decrease sharply as the season comes to an end. Remaining supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. A last report was issued this week.

Movement of avocados crossing from Mexico through Texas expected to increase seasonally. Trading is slow. A first report was issued on the 2022 crop season. Extra services are included. Peruvian imports of avocados through Philadelphia and New York City ports of entry movement expected to remain about the same. Trading remains moderate with prices generally unchanged. Movement of avocados from Southern California District is expected to increase seasonally on the 2022 crop season. Trading is fairly slow and supplies on two-layers cartons 32s, 36s and 40s are insufficient to quote. A first report has been issued as the 2022 crop season gets fully underway.

Movement of cucumbers crossing from Mexico through Texas expected to decrease slightly. Trading early active, late moderate. Lower prices are being reported this week. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality is being reported as variable. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa,

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California is expected to increase. Trading early was active but late slow with prices lower. Quality is generally good. Cucumber movement out of South Georgia expected to decrease seasonally as most shippers are finished shipping. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Trading remains moderate with prices generally unchanged. A last report was issued as the season comes to an end. Movement of cucumbers out of Michigan expected to increase as more growers get fully underway. Volumes are increasing day by day. Trading is fairly active at slightly lower prices. Cucumber movement of Western North Carolina is expected to increase seasonally as more producers started harvesting this week. Currently, no F.O.B. report is being issued due to supplies being insufficient.

Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected to increase seasonally as more shippers get fully underway. As of this week, many companies are reporting lighter supplies on larger sizes, but most sales have been on irregular size fair quality. Trading early fairly active, late active. Prices on jumbo green slightly higher, others higher. Quality generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of Eastern North Carolina is expected to remain about the same. Trading remains moderate with prices generally unchanged. Out of Western North Carolina movement of green bell peppers is expected to increase seasonally as more producers begin to harvest this week. Currently, no F.O.B. report is being issued due to supplies insufficient.

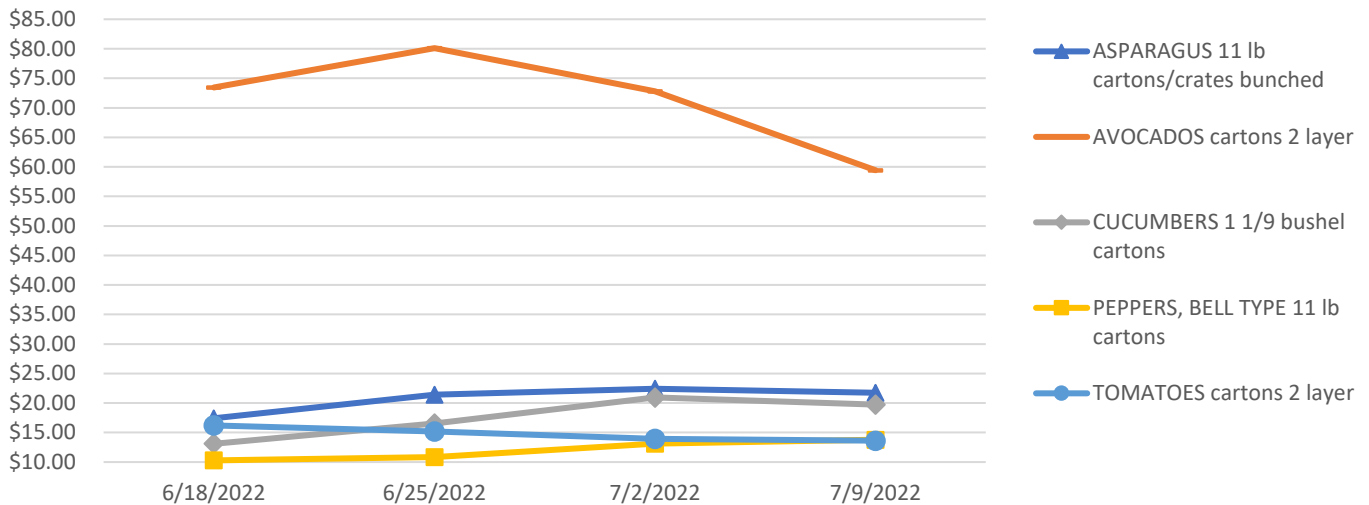
Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is still moderate with prices on loose 5x5 size slightly higher, while other sizes are trending slightly lower. Quality is being reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase. Trading is active with prices slightly lower. Quality generally good. Central District California movement of tomatoes is expected to increase seasonally. Trading remains active with prices slightly higher. Quality is being reported as generally good. Tomato movement out of Alabama is expected to increase as most growers are now fully underway. Tomato harvest was curtailed early in the week due to rain and wet fields. Trading is fairly active, and prices are about steady. Movement of tomatoes out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore expected to increase as the season begins, but with light harvest expected early on. Sufficient volume is expected within eight days for the first F.O.B. report. Tomato movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to begin over the next five to eight days. No F.O.B. report is currently being reported, but a first report was issued this week. Movement of tomatoes from Southeastern Arkansas slows as the season has come to an end. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. A last report was issued this week.

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	6/18/2022	6/25/2022	7/2/2022	7/9/2022
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 17.42	\$ 21.42	\$ 22.42	\$ 21.75
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 73.46	\$ 80.11	\$ 72.82	\$ 59.43
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 13.09	\$ 16.53	\$ 20.95	\$ 19.75
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb. cartons	\$ 10.29	\$ 10.86	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.79
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 16.20	\$ 15.20	\$ 13.96	\$ 13.63

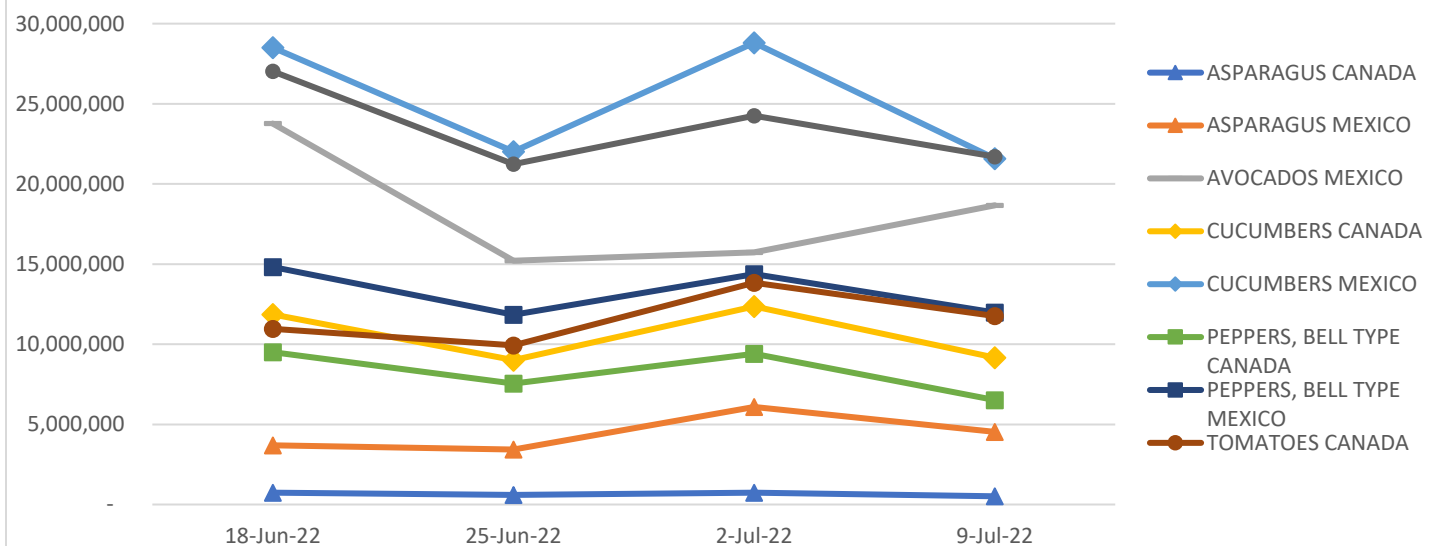
## USMCA: COMMODITY PRICE TRENDS



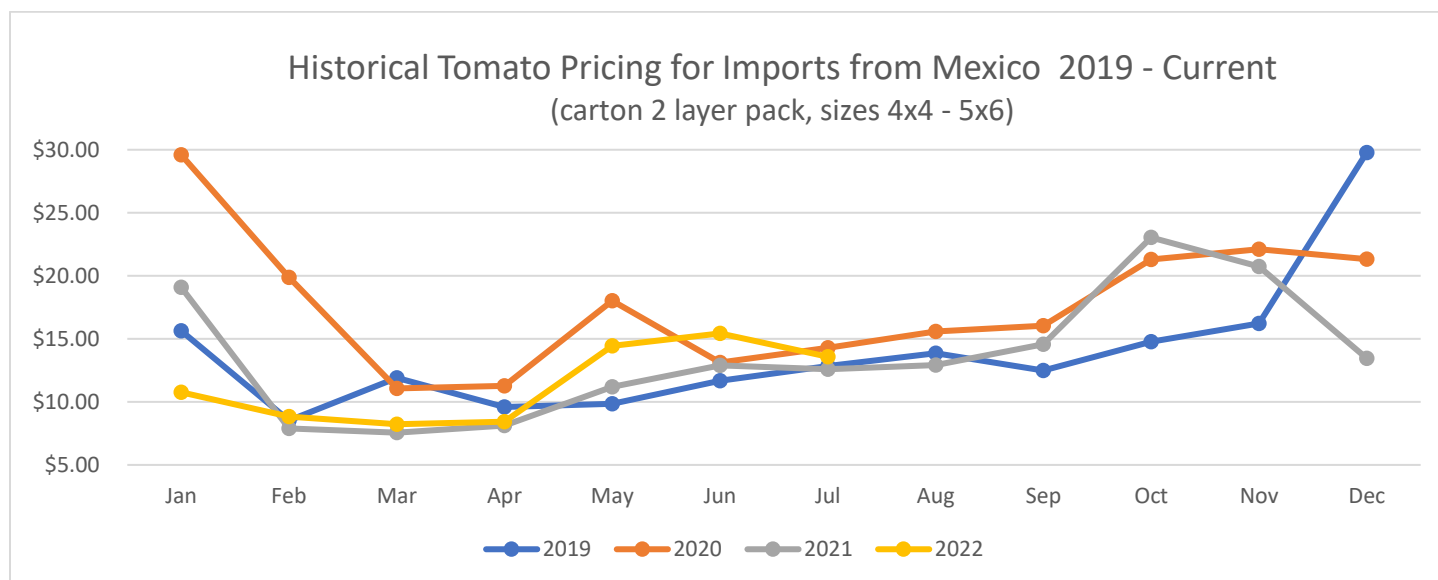
## Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	18-Jun-22	25-Jun-22	2-Jul-22	9-Jul-22
ASPARAGUS	CANADA	737,586	595,827	736,307	513,008
	MEXICO	3,691,391	3,429,608	6,084,902	4,526,106
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	23,768,421	15,210,351	15,736,152	18,667,635
	CANADA	11,860,010	9,008,801	12,355,593	9,171,436
CUCUMBERS	MEXICO	28,499,175	22,026,773	28,804,766	21,585,443
	CANADA	9,503,648	7,537,412	9,397,879	6,514,933
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	MEXICO	14,818,375	11,838,060	14,382,828	11,971,884
	CANADA	10,954,316	9,930,061	13,834,580	11,760,522
TOMATOES	MEXICO	27,025,494	21,233,530	24,263,400	21,705,823
	CANADA	10,954,316	9,930,061	13,834,580	11,760,522

## USMCA: COMMODITY MOVEMENT TRENDS



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