



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

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## **Update for Week of August 21-27, 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.

There is a saying that goes something like “Water is Life”. That is truer than ever before, as the country is experiencing a historic drought with drier than normal conditions. The Southwest and West are areas that are particularly very severe, but the drought extends all the way to Oregon in the Northwest and as far as East Texas. Water levels have dropped dramatically in Lake Mead and Lake Powell and the Colorado river has less available water for farming and public use. Some Western states are taking drastic measures to address the water crisis. Water restrictions are going to be inevitable and people’s habits on water use will have to be addressed. This is going to affect the growing regions in California and Arizona primarily, but other Western states will also face similar issues. There is even talk about paying farmers not to farm or restrict certain crops from being planted in the future. The one thing that we have learned in the past about the produce industry is that they are very resilient and adapt to change. They will make the necessary changes to keep going and keep American agriculture moving. There is no doubt this will impact farmers, people and even animals. We need to take better care of our water and land because our lives depend on it.

Movement of blueberries through Oregon and Washington is expected about the same. Trading remains moderate with prices slightly higher. Prices on flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 17.50-19.50 and 12 6-ounce cups mostly 11.00-13.50. Quality is generally good. Blueberries out of Michigan movement is expected to decrease seasonally as some growers have finished for the season. Trading is moderate with prices slightly higher. Wide range in quality. Crossings of blueberries from British Columbia Canada through Northwest Washington are expected to decrease slightly. Trading is also moderate with prices slightly higher. All sales are reported in U.S. dollars. Peru imports through various West Coast ports of entry movement is expected to increase as harvesting also increases. Trading is fairly active for light supplies. Quality is being reported as mostly good. Peru imports through various East Coast ports of entry movement is expected to increase as harvesting increases with more growers. Trading is moderate. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 18.00-20.00. Quality is mostly good.

Avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas are expected to increase seasonally. Trading 60-84s fairly active, others fairly slow. Prices on 32-48s lower, 60-70s higher, 84s generally unchanged. Extra services are also 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 slightly higher for light supplies. Cartons 2 layers 32s mostly 14.00-15.00, 36s are mostly 15.00-18.00, 40s are mostly 18.00-20.00 and 48s are mostly 20.00-24.00.

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Movement of cucumbers crossing from Mexico through Otay Mesa, California is expected about the same. Trading early moderate, late active with prices much higher. Quality is generally good. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Supplies are light. Trading is active, with prices slightly higher. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable. Cucumber movement out of Michigan is expected about the same. Trading is moderate with prices slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 16.00-18.00. Movement of cucumber from Western North Carolina is expected to remain about the same. Supplies remain light. No F.O.B. report is being issued.

Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected about the same. Trading is moderate, prices on jumbo much lower, extra-large slightly lower, large lower, others generally unchanged. Some sales are at lower price points. Jumbo and large mostly 12.95-14.95 and irregular size are mostly 10.95-11.95. Quality is generally good. Movement of green bell pepper out of Michigan is expected to increase as more growers start harvesting. Supplies remain light. Trading is moderate and prices remain slightly lower. In Western North Carolina movement is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate with prices slightly higher. Prices on 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo and extra-large are between 12.00-14.00 and large are mostly 12.00.

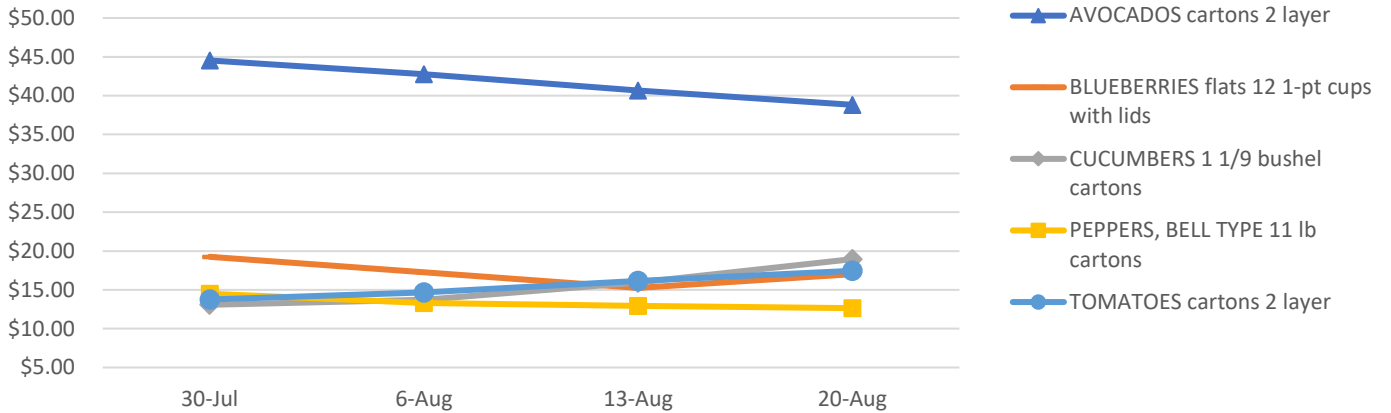
Tomato movement from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading early moderate, late active. Prices are much higher. Quality is generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa, California is expected about the same. Trading is very active with prices generally unchanged. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality generally good. Central District California movement of tomatoes is expected about the same. Trading is very active, and prices are much higher than the previous week. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Alabama is expected to increase. Trading remains very active with higher prices. Supplies remain light to very light. Some harvest curtailed due to rain and wet fields. Quality is being reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore is expected to increase. Trading remains active, with prices higher. Some growers in Tennessee will not harvest their crops as they normally do. Supplies remain light in both growing areas. Virginia is reporting supplies insufficient to establish a market. Overall demand is good, and prices are expected to go higher. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to remain about the same. Trading remains moderate with prices higher. Supplies are also light. All sizes range between 17.95-22.95. Extra services included.

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	30-Jul	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 44.54	\$ 42.75	\$ 40.68	\$ 38.82
BLUEBERRIES	flats 12 1-pt cups with lids	\$ 19.25	\$ 17.25	\$ 15.25	\$ 17.00
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.70	\$ 15.95	\$ 18.95
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb. cartons	\$ 14.50	\$ 13.29	\$ 12.93	\$ 12.64
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 13.75	\$ 14.66	\$ 16.16	\$ 17.45

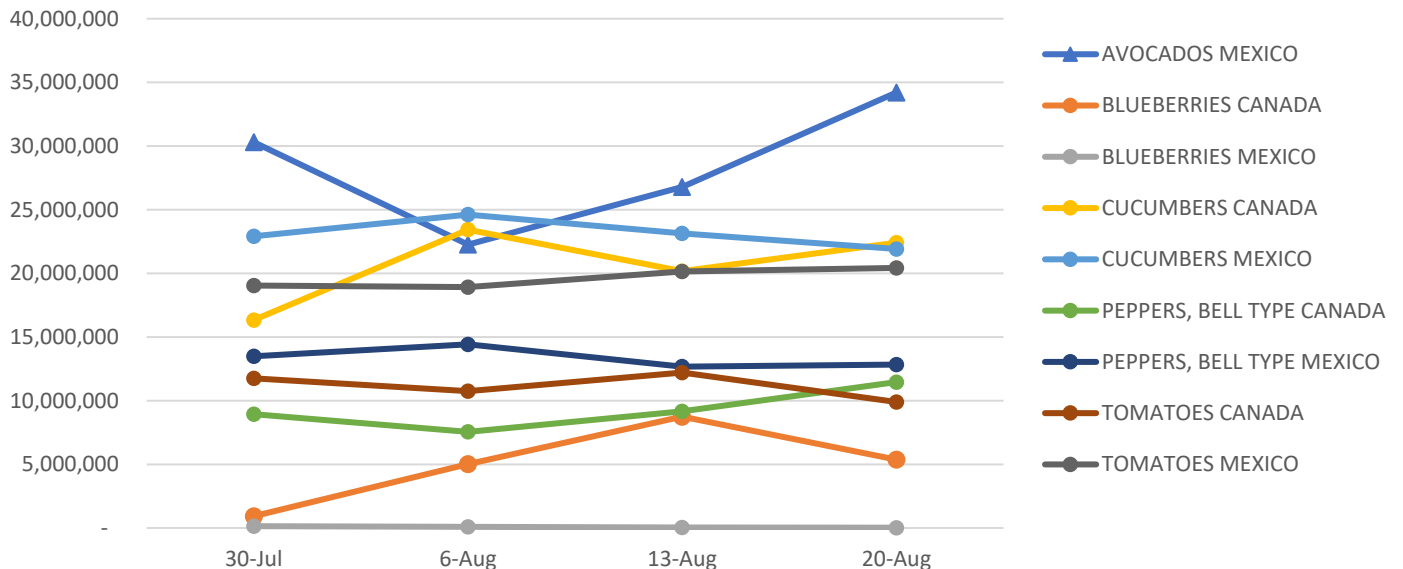
### USMCA: COMMODITY PRICE TRENDS



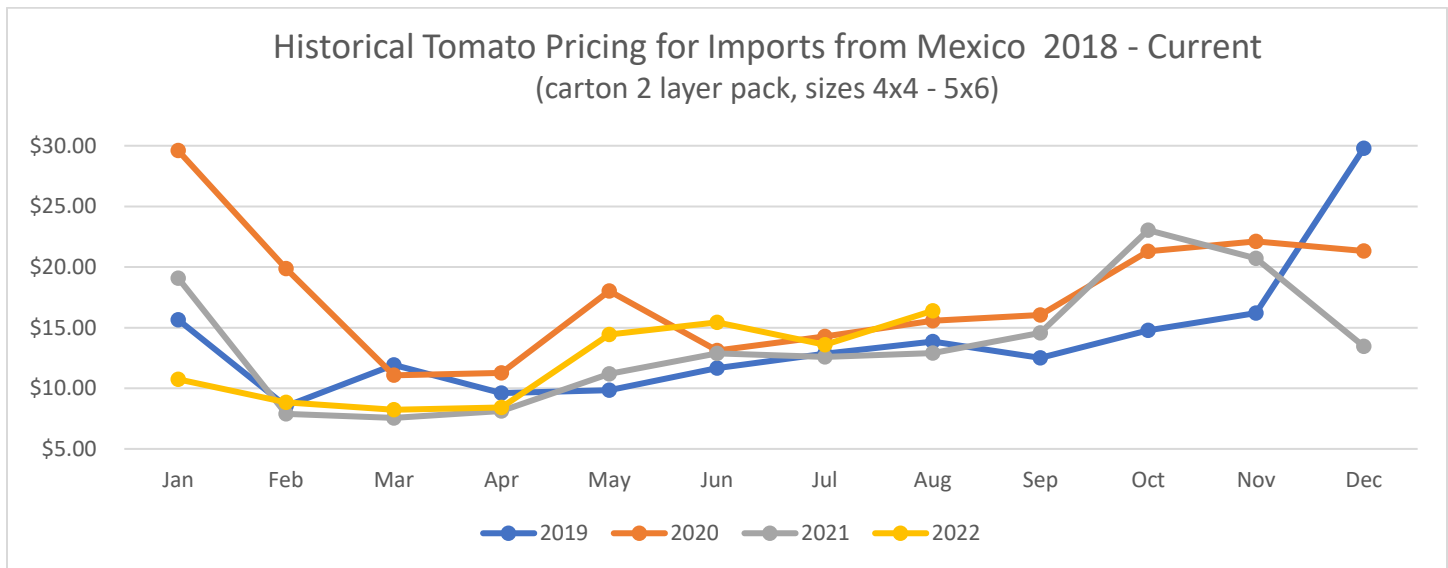
### Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	30-Jul	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	30,311,299	22,258,424	26,791,406	34,204,693
BLUEBERRIES	CANADA	927,337	5,006,417	8,744,061	5,375,848
	MEXICO	141,551	83,342	46,094	24,159
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	16,337,533	23,428,785	20,178,885	22,406,709
	MEXICO	22,911,155	24,613,149	23,128,886	21,918,247
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	8,942,454	7,549,264	9,174,324	11,459,442
	MEXICO	13,490,457	14,424,326	12,672,665	12,834,017
TOMATOES	CANADA	11,749,809	10,749,525	12,207,930	9,895,593
	MEXICO	19,053,034	18,922,441	20,143,642	20,425,979

### 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