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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.

Seasonal changes have led to a shift in the commodities of interest for this report. Asparagus has replaced blueberries, as the number of growing areas for shipping asparagus continues to grow while demand for blueberries is traditionally light in the fall. This list will be revisited regularly to maintain an accurate representation of the current trade situation affecting shippers of perishable commodities in North America.

Asparagus crossings from Mexico through Arizona, California and Texas 2022 are expected to increase. Trading fairly active with prices higher. 11-pound cartons/crates bunched large mostly 16.75 and standard 14.75-16.75. Peruvian imports of asparagus through South Florida ports of entry 2022 are expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices small generally unchanged, others slightly lower. 11-pound cartons bunched green jumbo mostly 24.95-26.95, extra-large mostly 20.75-23.85 and large mostly 18.75-20.75. Supplies are fairly heavy on large and standard, others moderate. Production is increasing in Southern Peru from the Ica region, while the North is beginning to wind down.

Movement of avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices conventional 40-48s and 70s higher, others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32s mostly 30.25-32.25, 36s mostly 28.25-30.25, 40-48s range between 27.25-30.25. Peruvian imports of avocados through Philadelphia and New York City ports of entry are expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finished for the season. Supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Very light supplies are expected to continue. A last F.O.B. report has been issued.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading early very active, late slow. Prices much lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 18.95, large mostly 16.95 and cartons 36s mostly 10.95-11.95. Quality variable. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading active with prices generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 26.95-28.95, large mostly 22.95-24.95. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality is variable. Movement of cucumber in Central and South Florida are expected to continue with light shipments and increase weekly. Expect sufficient volume and number of shippers for the first F.O.B. report within 3-5 days. Most harvest was curtailed due to wet fields and power outages caused by Hurricane Ian. Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices medium mostly 18.95, large mostly 16.95-18.95 and cartons 36s mostly 9.95-11.95. Quality variable. Movement of cucumber from Western North Carolina is expected to decrease seasonally over the next 7-14- days. Currently, no F.O.B. report is being issued. Cucumber movement out of South Georgia is expected to increase slightly. Trading is moderate.

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Prices cartons 24s unchanged, others lower. Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium 12.35-12.85 and cartons 24s 8.35-8.85. Quality generally good.

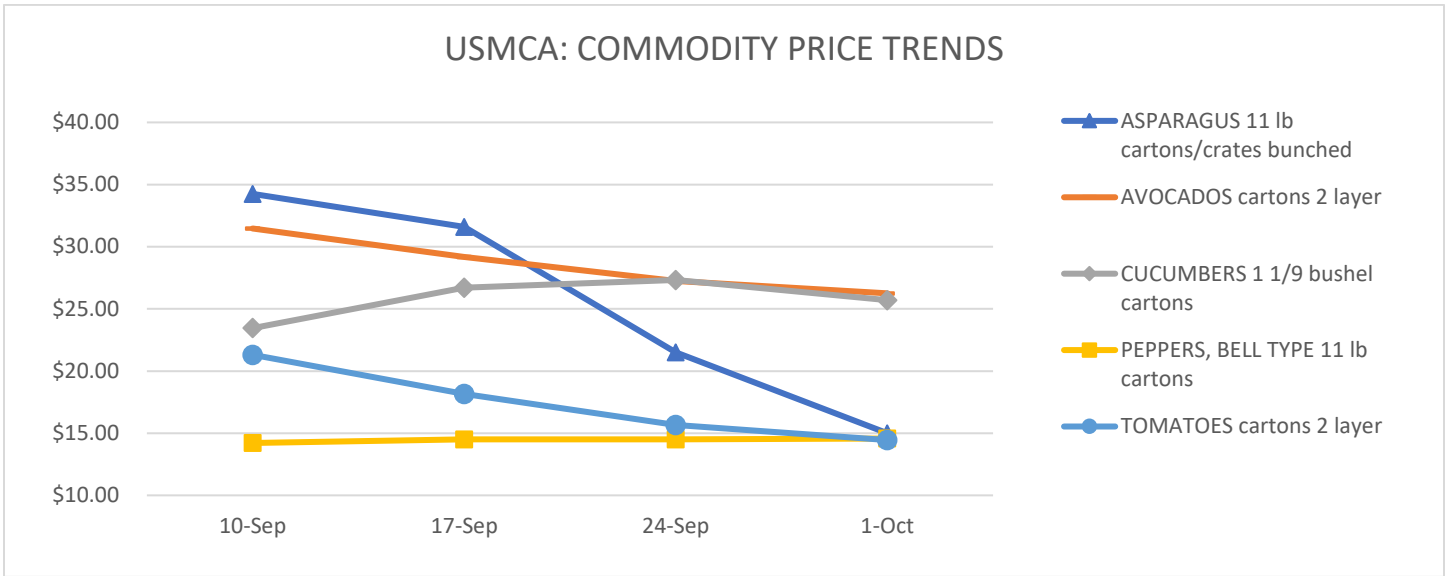
Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected to remain about the same. Trading green jumbo fairly active at slightly lower prices. Prices slightly lower. Later in the week, prices were about steady. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo and extra-large mostly 14.95-16.95 and large mostly 14.95-15.95. Quality is generally good. Western North Carolina green bell pepper movement is expected to decrease seasonally over the next 7-14 days. Trading is moderate with prices slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large 14.00-18.00 and large 14.00-16.00. Movement of green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California harvest is expected to begin the week of October 16th. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of October 23rd. A first report has been issued. Quality is expected to be generally good.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading early moderate, late active. Prices much higher. Vine ripens cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s mostly 17.95-18.95 and 5x5s mostly 15.95-16.95. Some current shipments are incomplete. Quality generally good. Central District California movement of tomatoes is expected to remain about the same. Trading early fairly slow, late fairly active. Prices slightly higher. Quality is generally good. Movement of tomatoes out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore is expected to decrease as some growers are expected to finish the season within 14 days. Trading active with prices higher. Later in the week, demand got very active. Prices are steady. Cool to cold temperatures are curtailing early morning harvest. Quality is being reported as generally good. Tomato movement out of Alabama is expected to decrease as some growers are expected to finish the season within 14 days. Trading very active with prices higher. Later in the week, prices were about steady. Cool to cold temperatures are curtailing early morning harvest. Quality generally unchanged. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading early moderate, late fairly active. Prices slightly higher. Vine ripens cartons 2-layer 4x4-5x6s mostly 16.95-18.95. Quality variable. Tomato movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to decrease seasonally over the next 7-14 days. Trading moderate with prices slightly higher. Extra services included. Tomato movement out of Florida West District is expected to start with a few growers and light harvest is expected within 10 days. Expect a sufficient number of shippers for the first F.O.B. report to be issued within 20 days. A first trend report has been issued. Water damage due to flooding is still a problem and cleaning up is going to take a while. It is too early to assess how severe the damage is.

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

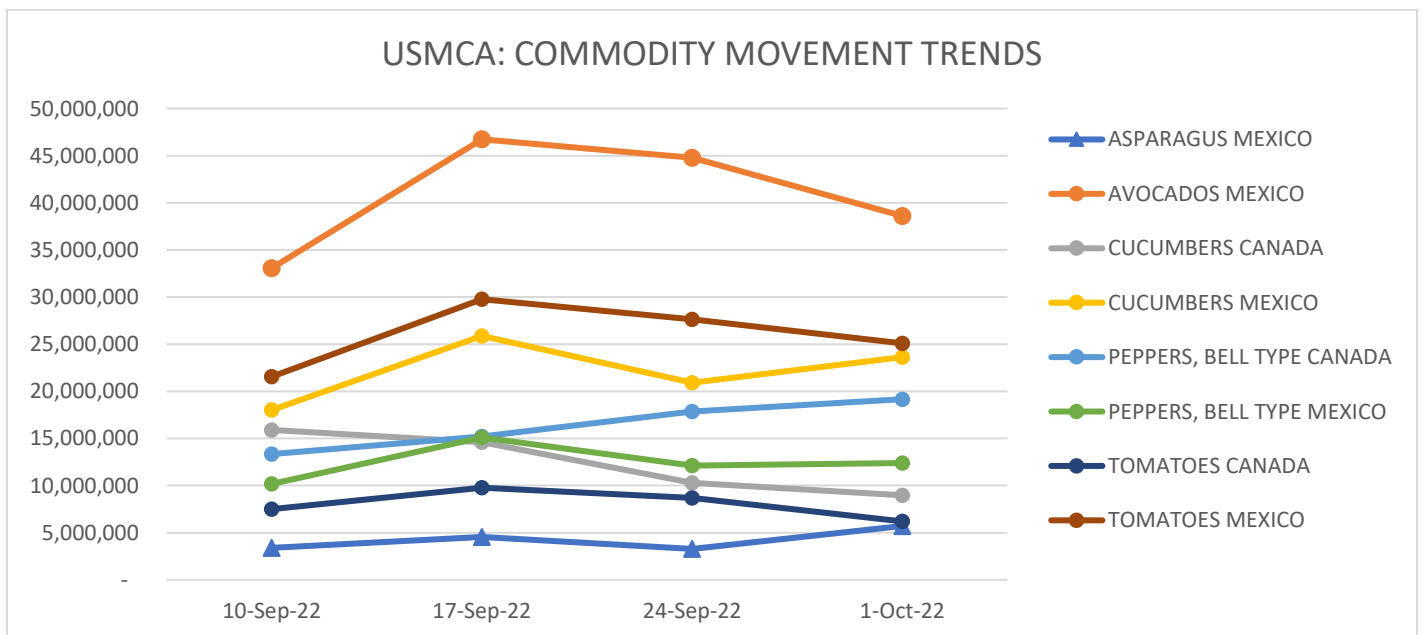
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	1-Oct
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 34.25	\$ 31.58	\$ 21.50	\$ 15.00
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 31.46	\$ 29.18	\$ 27.25	\$ 26.25
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 23.45	\$ 26.70	\$ 27.33	\$ 25.70
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb. cartons	\$ 14.21	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.57
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 21.31	\$ 18.16	\$ 15.66	\$ 14.45

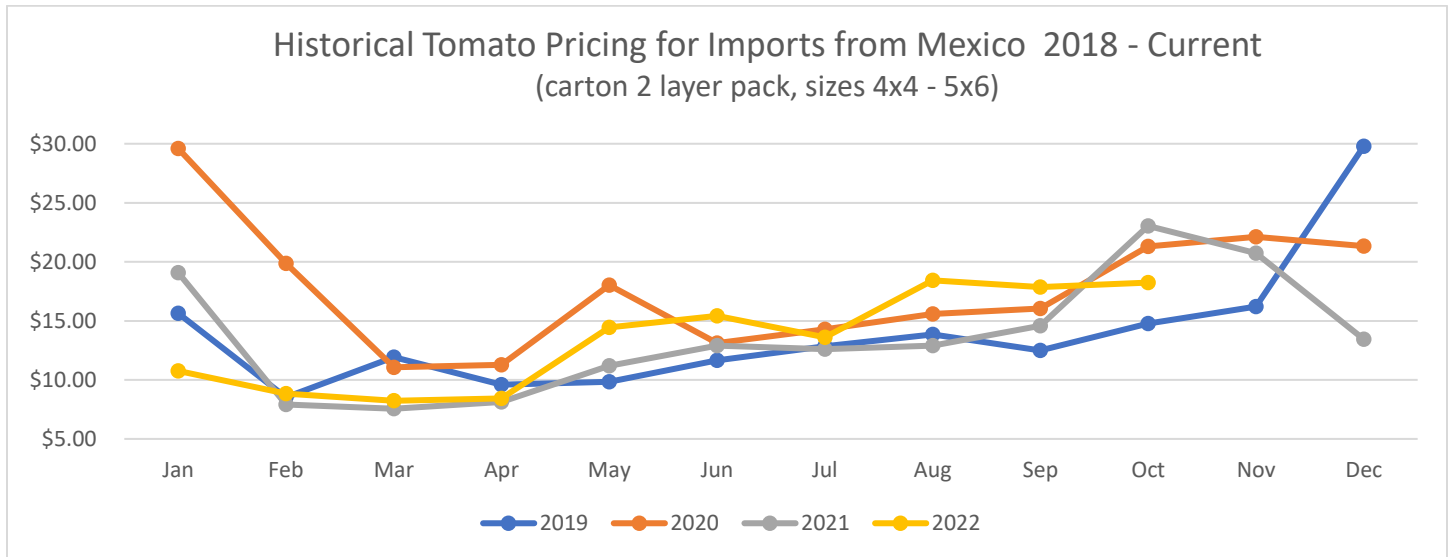


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	10-Sep-22	17-Sep-22	24-Sep-22	1-Oct-22
ASPARAGUS	MEXICO	3,385,826	4,549,141	3,275,803	5,708,420
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	33,074,835	46,734,536	44,774,088	38,611,832
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	15,900,632	14,602,747	10,297,853	8,964,684
	MEXICO	18,010,065	25,877,025	20,915,202	23,627,351
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	13,339,957	15,209,287	17,843,415	19,161,202
	MEXICO	10,174,472	15,098,449	12,115,306	12,391,494
TOMATOES	CANADA	7,507,848	9,767,981	8,681,327	6,195,174
	MEXICO	21,551,299	29,770,496	27,650,003	25,086,242



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