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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.

Last week's threat of a rail strike drove home the importance of all parts of the supply chain working together to keep goods moving throughout the US. Although the current situation was resolved after intervention by Congress, it highlighted the fragility of the system where each part is dependent on the others. Current estimates state that approximately 28% of total U.S. ground freight movement occurs by rail, with the remaining 72% handled by the trucking industry, which has had its own challenges. Though owner-operators are cautiously optimistic now that fuel prices are slowly decreasing from the summer's record highs, stress remains high throughout the shipping industry as a whole, and consumers can expect to see follow-on impacts on the prices and availability of the goods they want and need.

Movement of Mexican blueberries through Arizona, California and Texas is expected about the same. Trading was slow to fairly slow with prices generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids large mostly 8.00. Quality is reported as variable, with shippers noting that sales improved by midweek as the end of the Peru season is arriving. Peru imports of blueberries through Philadelphia and New York City area ports of entry are expected to decrease as more growers are finished for the season. Trading moderate with prices unchanged. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large 14.00-16.00, 6-ounce large mostly 12.00-14.00. Quality reported as variable. Peru imports of blueberries through Southern California ports of entry movement expected to decrease as more growers are finished for the season. Trading moderate with prices unchanged. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large 13.00-18.00. Quality reported as variable.

Movement of avocados crossing from Mexico through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading was moderate with prices 36s, 48s and 70s higher, 60s and organic 48s-60s lower, and others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-36s mostly 24.25-26.25, 40s mostly 24.25-25.25, 48s mostly 26.25-27.25. Extra services included.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Trading fairly light on pickles and long seedless, others active. Prices medium and large higher, 24s and 36s slightly higher, others generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium and large mostly 16.95-18.95, and cartons 36s mostly 8.95-9.95. Quality reported as generally good. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading active on fairly light supplies of large. Prices medium much higher, large higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium and large mostly 18.95-20.95. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous

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commitments. Quality is reported as variable. Movement of cucumbers in Central and South Florida are expected to increase. Trading fairly active with prices medium slightly higher, fair quality higher, and others generally unchanged. Demand remained good to fairly good through the week. Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 16.35-18.35 and cartons 24s 4.35-5.35. Quality is reported as generally good.

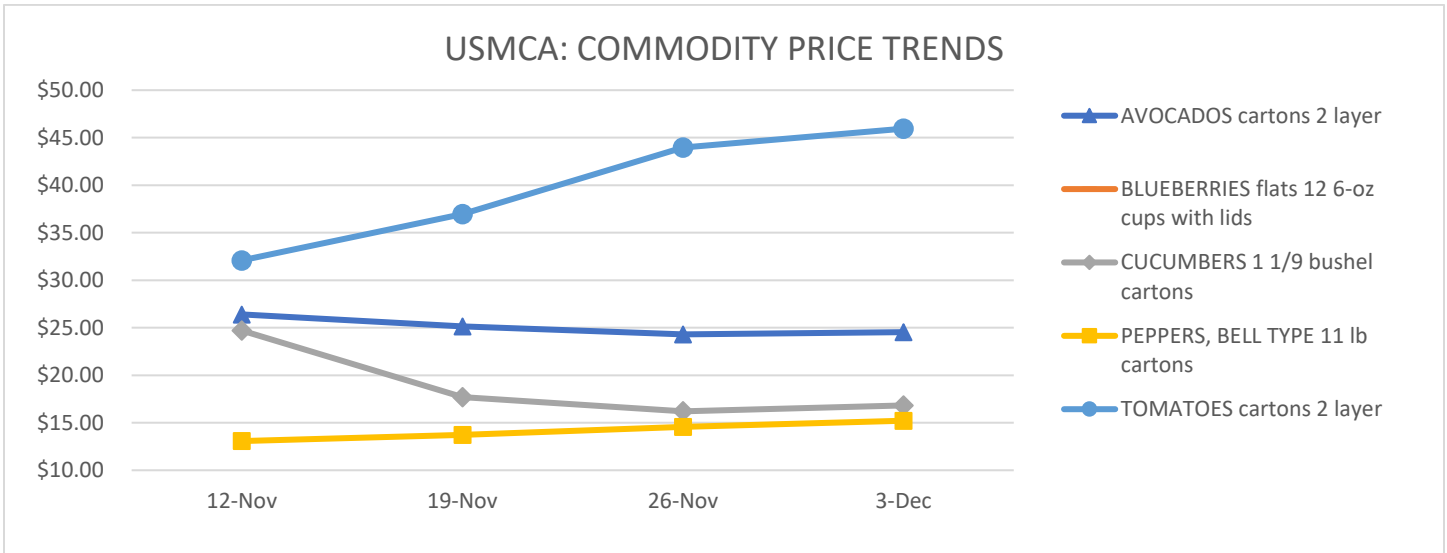
Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early moderate decreasing to fairly slow later. Prices generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large mostly 20.95-22.95, large mostly 18.95-20.95. Quality is reported as generally good. Green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida movement expected to increase slightly. Trading was active at slightly higher prices. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large mostly 20.35, large mostly 18.35. Demand good to fairly good. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading active for light supplies. Prices generally unchanged. Demand good with less supplies available on the open market as the season winds down. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green irregular size fair quality mostly 14.95-15.95. Other sizes in too few hands to establish a market. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of South Georgia shipments expected to decrease as shippers finish up for the season, but some supplies still trickling in from late fields. Trading moderate at slightly lower prices. 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates green jumbo and extra-large 18.35-20.85, large mostly 16.35-16.85. Quality is reported as generally good. The last report for the season has been issued.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading active early decreasing to fairly slow later. Prices much lower. Vine ripe cartons 2-layer 4x4s mostly 40.95-42.95, 4x5s mostly 38.95-40.95, 5x5-5x6s mostly 36.95-38.95. Quality is reported as generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida expected to increase slightly. Trading active with good demand. Prices steady throughout the week. 25-pound cartons loose 5x6 size 40.95, 6x6 size 38.95 and 6x7 size 29.95. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Available supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of December 11. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading early moderate increasing to fairly active. Prices slightly higher. Vine ripe cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s mostly 46.95-48.95, 5x5-5x6s mostly 44.95-46.95. Quality is reported as generally good.

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

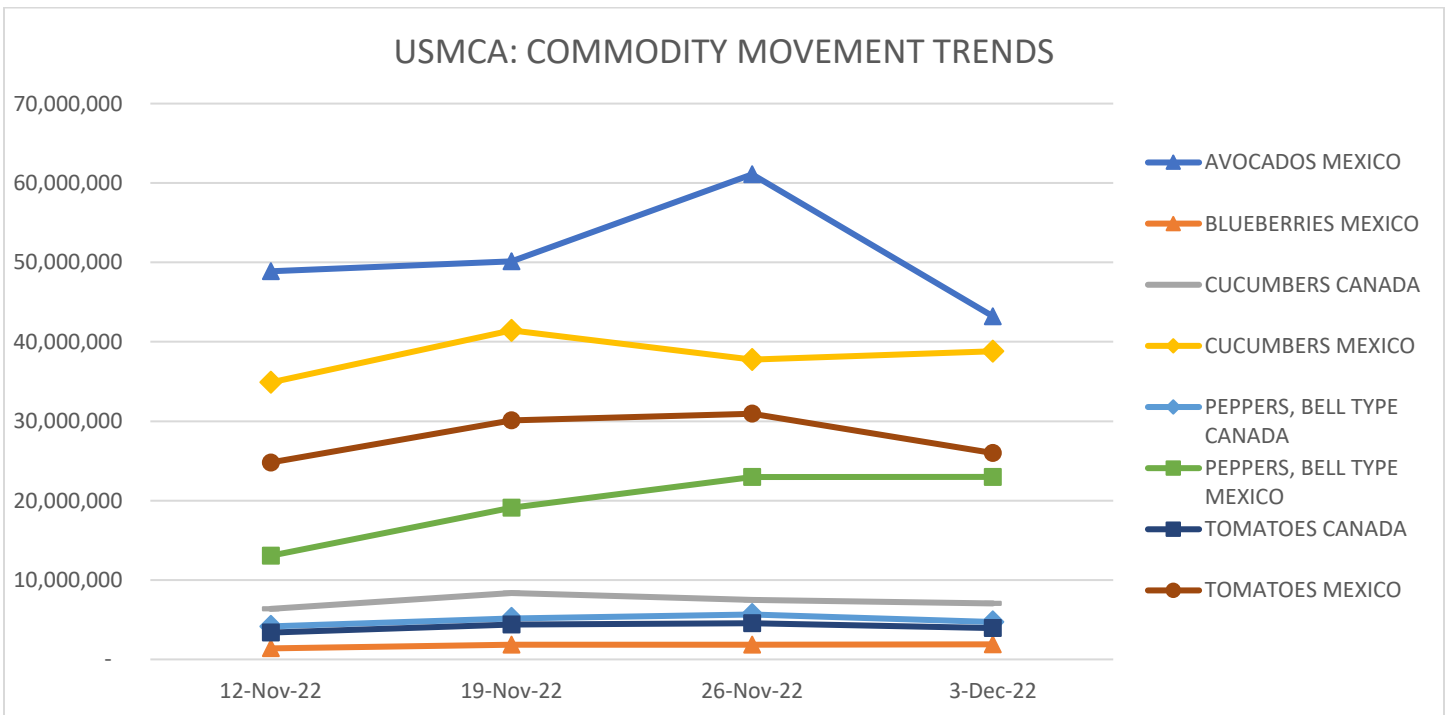
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	3-Dec
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 26.40	\$ 25.15	\$ 24.30	\$ 24.55
BLUEBERRIES	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.00
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 24.70	\$ 17.70	\$ 16.20	\$ 16.83
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb. cartons	\$ 13.07	\$ 13.71	\$ 14.57	\$ 15.21
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 32.09	\$ 36.95	\$ 43.95	\$ 45.95

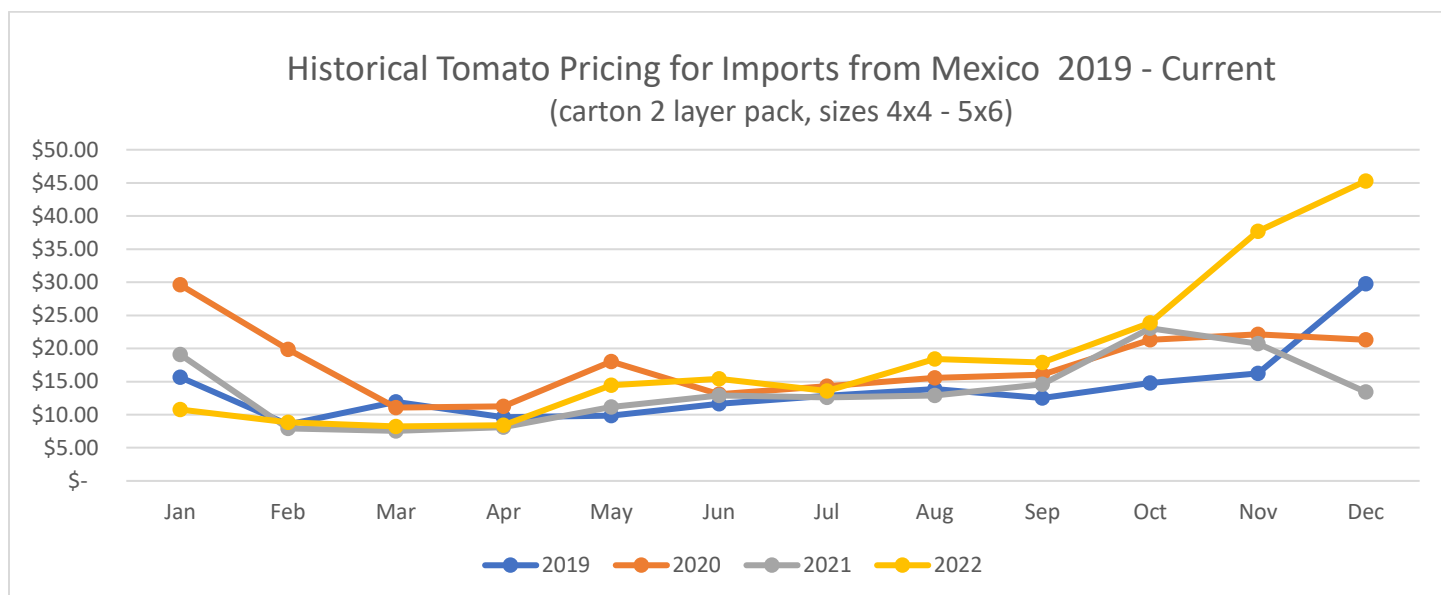


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	12-Nov-22	19-Nov-22	26-Nov-22	3-Dec-22
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	48,883,644	50,134,655	61,088,076	43,213,768
BLUEBERRIES	MEXICO	1,387,133	1,830,097	1,845,599	1,896,067
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	6,363,173	8,356,748	7,510,516	7,061,312
	MEXICO	34,879,060	41,440,899	37,744,138	38,802,605
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	4,158,047	5,171,664	5,654,243	4,721,883
	MEXICO	13,056,802	19,115,534	22,965,373	22,985,544
TOMATOES	CANADA	3,378,096	4,384,841	4,553,158	3,936,620
	MEXICO	24,801,031	30,109,157	30,938,431	25,970,166



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