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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.

Mother's Day is this coming Sunday, and most of us will buy mom a bouquet of flowers or fruits and take her out to eat. Moms play an important role in children's eating habits when it comes to fruits and vegetables. Introducing fruits and vegetables at an early age will create a long life of healthy eating habits. According to a 2021 National Survey on Children's Health, conducted by the CDC, results showed that 32% of children did not eat a daily fruit and that 49% did not eat a daily vegetable. Almost half of U.S. children ages 1 to 5 do not eat a single vegetable in a day. This survey highlights that children aren't getting the nutrition they need from fresh produce or otherwise. The research also indicates that increasing family mealtime duration is a simple, inexpensive and low-threshold intervention that can significantly improve children's diets. Another way to increase awareness is by getting federal, state or local-level nutritional programs that can enhance education in emphasizing the importance of daily fruit and vegetable consumption. Moms are probably the biggest role model when it comes to children eating their fruits and vegetables.

Movement of asparagus crossings from Mexico through Calexico, California, San Luis, Arizona and Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading active. Prices generally unchanged. 11-pound cartons/crates bunched green jumbo mostly 24.75. Supplies in too few hands as the transition gets under way this week. Light harvest has begun in the Obregon and Constitucion growing areas. Extra services included. Movement of asparagus from Peru imports through South Florida ports of entry is expected to remain about the same. Trading jumbo and extra-large moderate, others fairly slow. Prices extra-large higher, jumbo slightly higher, standard slightly lower and large generally unchanged. 11-pound cartons bunched green jumbo and extra-large mostly 26.75-28.85, large mostly 24.75-25.75, standard mostly 22.75-24.85. Supplies jumbo and extra-large light, others fairly light. Lighter supplies are expected after Mother's Day. Warmer temperatures due to El Nino weather conditions are limiting jumbo and extra-large sizes. Quality and condition are reported as variable but generally good. Movement of asparagus out of Walla Walla District and Lower Yakima Valley Washington is expected to increase seasonally. Trading fairly slow. Prices 28-pound pyramid cartons bunched Washington extra fancy large mostly 58.00-60.00 and standard 58.00-62.75. 11-pound cartons large mostly 24.00-26.00 and standard mostly 24.00-26.00. Quality variable. Movement of asparagus crossings from Mexico through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to increase seasonally. Harvesting is transitioning from the Caborca region to the Obregon and Constitucion regions of Mexico. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of May 22nd. Quality is expected to be generally good.

Movement of avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading fairly slow. Prices lower. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-40s mostly 26.25-28.25, 48s mostly 27.25-28.25, 60s mostly 27.25-29.25, 70s mostly 24.25-25.25 and 84s mostly 17.25-18.25. Extra services included. Avocado movement out of South District California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices lower. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-36s mostly 32.25-34.25, 40s mostly 33.25-34.25, 48s 34.25-36.25, 60s mostly 32.25-34.25, 70s 27.25-29.25 and 84s mostly 18.25-20.25. Extra services included.

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Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices medium lower, large slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 10.95-11.95, large mostly 9.95-10.95, fair quality mostly 7.95-8.95 and ordinary quality mostly 5.95. Movement remains slow but is expected to increase by next week. Prices remain about steady throughout the week. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable. Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices 24s lower, 36s slightly lower, others generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 8.95-10.95, large mostly 7.95-10.95, fair quality mostly 6.95-8.95. Cartons 24s 3.95-5.95 and 36s mostly 5.95-6.95. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable. Cucumber movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to remain about the same. Trading slow. Prices 24s lower, others much lower. Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 12.35 and fair quality mostly 5.35-6.35. Cartons 24s mostly 5.00. Later in the week demand remains light and prices were about steady. Includes palletizing and pre-cooling. Quality generally good.

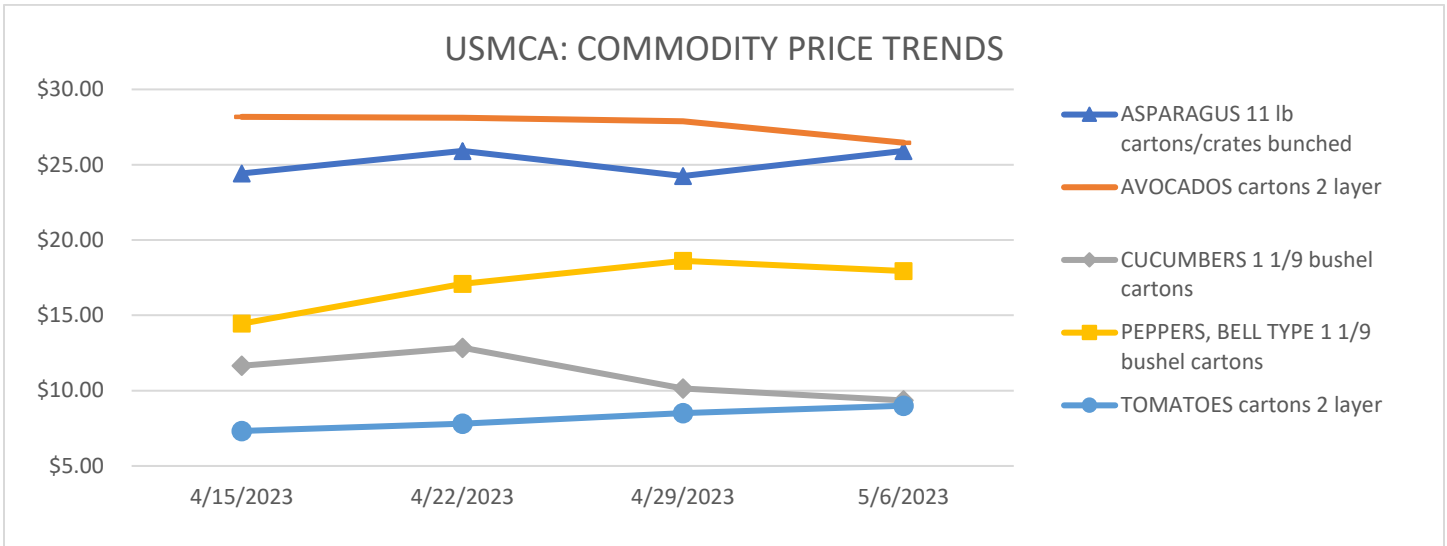
Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large mostly 20.95, large 14.95-16.95 and irregular size fair quality 10.95-12.95. Quality generally good. Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green extra-large mostly 20.95-22.95, large mostly 18.95-19.95 and medium mostly 9.95-10.95. Trading remains moderate and prices are about steady. Quality variable. Green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida movement are expected to decrease slightly. Trading jumbo and extra-large very active, others active. Prices much higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large mostly 24.35, large mostly 20.35 and irregular sized fair quality mostly 16.35. Demand is very good on jumbo and extra-large and good on other sizes. Supplies are light on larger sizes and shipments continue to decrease. Quality generally good. Green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California movement are expected to increase seasonally. Trading extra-large fairly active, others fairly active at slightly lower prices. Prices extra-large generally unchanged, others slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green extra-large 24.95-26.95, large mostly 21.95-22.95 and irregular sized fair quality 12.95-14.95. Quality generally good.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading 4x4-4x5s and 4x4-4x5 sizes fairly active, others moderate. Prices generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4s mostly 10.95-12.95, 4x5s mostly 10.95, 5x5-5x6s mostly 7.40 and 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes mostly 10.95-12.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes mostly 8.30. Larger sizes are moving good with better pricing and smaller sizes are slow and at the minimum price threshold. Quality generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s 8.95-10.95, 5x5s 7.13-7.95 and 5x6s 6.64-7.10. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices lower. Prices reported are for May 5, 2023. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens 85% U.S. number one or better 5x6 size mostly 10.95 and 6x6-6x7 sizes mostly 9.95-10.95. Some growers are still experiencing coloring and condition issues. Supplies continue to increase, but demand was good to fairly good by Thursday. Later in the week, shippers reported more calls from buyers. Extra services included. Quality generally good.

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

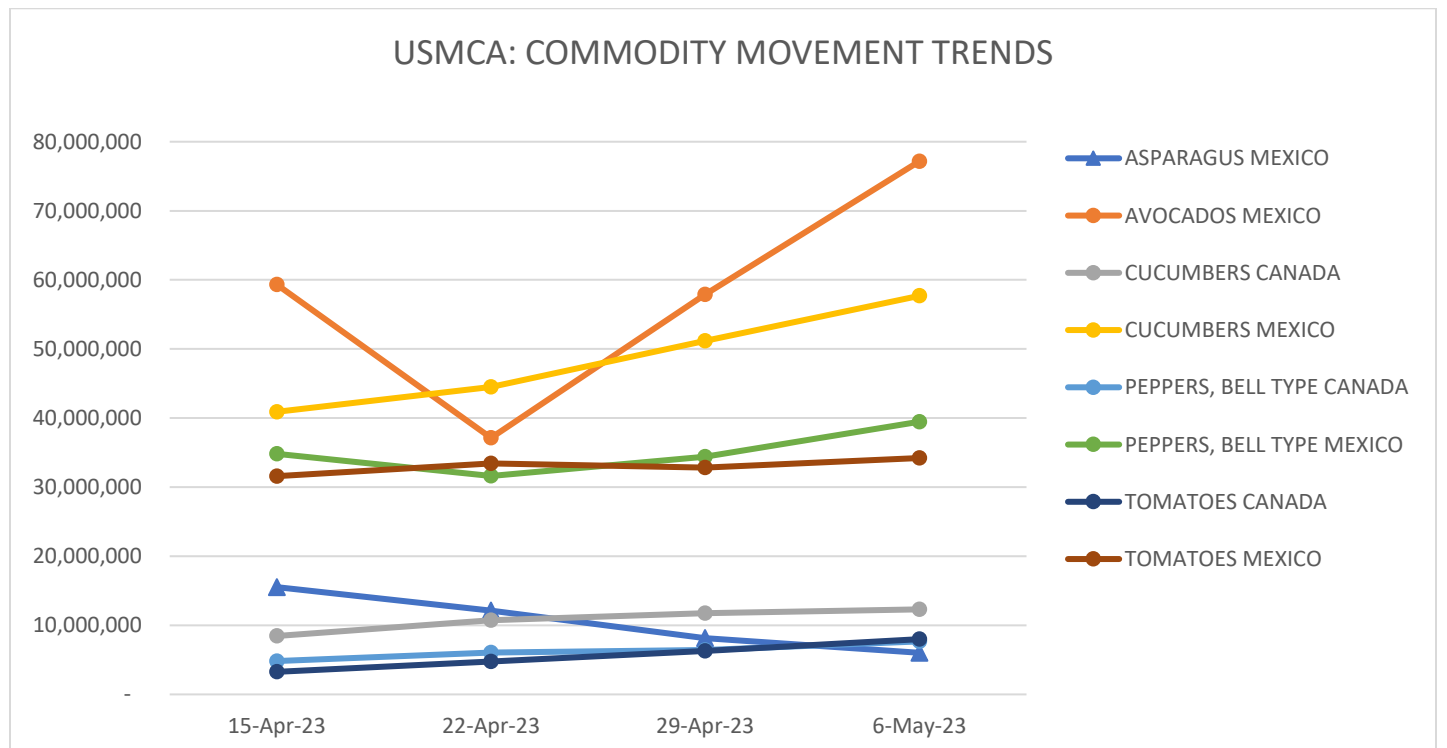
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	4/15/2023	4/22/2023	4/29/2023	5/6/2023
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 24.42	\$ 25.92	\$ 24.25	\$ 25.92
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 28.18	\$ 28.11	\$ 27.89	\$ 26.46
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 11.65	\$ 12.85	\$ 10.15	\$ 9.35
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 14.45	\$ 17.09	\$ 18.62	\$ 17.95
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 7.32	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.00

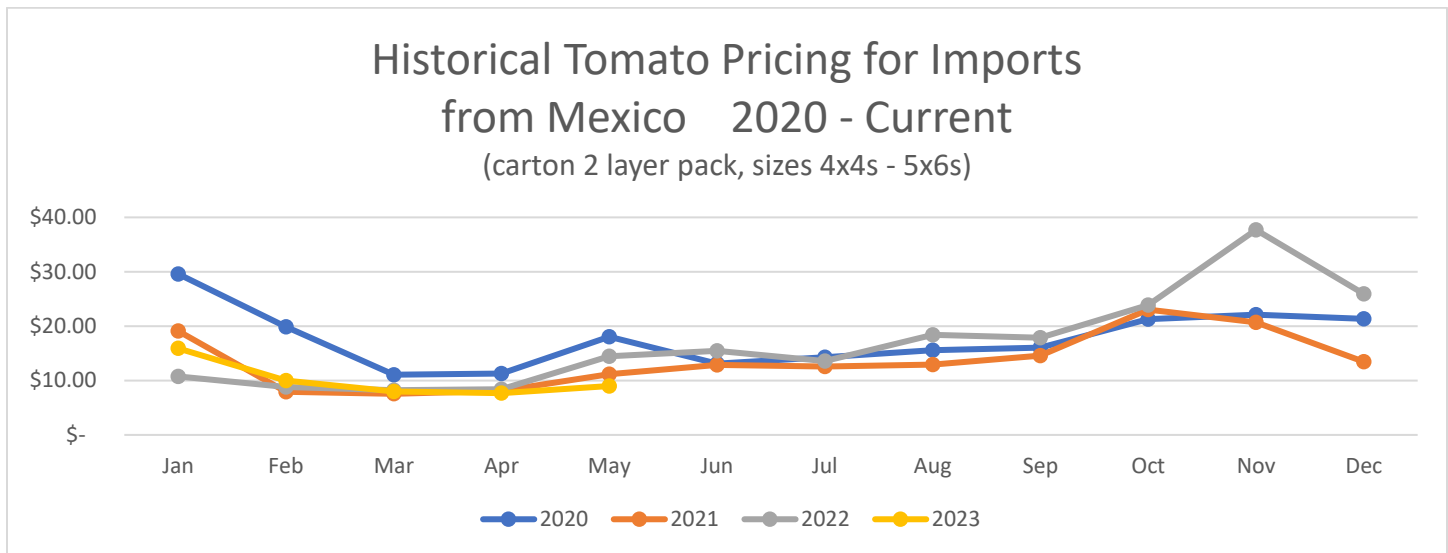


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	15-Apr-23	22-Apr-23	29-Apr-23	6-May-23
ASPARAGUS	MEXICO	15,524,994	12,142,118	8,137,718	6,024,709
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	59,338,734	37,131,566	57,909,989	77,169,610
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	8,455,754	10,742,710	11,776,714	12,308,967
	MEXICO	40,904,141	44,481,175	51,190,198	57,692,722
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	4,829,136	6,048,919	6,421,497	7,671,485
	MEXICO	34,805,305	31,617,569	34,394,985	39,470,539
TOMATOES	CANADA	3,267,828	4,763,426	6,281,437	7,997,424
	MEXICO	31,592,292	33,433,088	32,853,790	34,216,364



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