



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

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## **Update for Week of June 4-10, 2023**

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.

West Coast ports of entry from Los Angeles to Seattle are experiencing slowdowns due to some terminal workers refusing to report for work assignments. It is causing delays and congestion and port productivity has slowed down considerably. Some truck drivers picking up containers at the Port of Los Angeles were turned away because the containers needed to be processed. The Port of Los Angeles is the nation's busiest port, processing \$440 billion in cargo value per year, and is a significant shipping point for the U.S. agriculture industry. According to Adil Ashiq, head of North America for Marine Traffic said, "Reduced labor means reduced capacity to work vessels and send them back to sea. With the current situation unfolding, the Port of Los Angeles will experience a pandemic-like crisis where vessels will fill up anchorage, waiting to head to the terminal to load/offload cargo, causing once again the much-hated congestion at one of the largest ports in the United States." The ongoing labor issues will undoubtedly affect the supply chain that will impact both consumers and businesses alike.

Movement of asparagus from Peru imports through South Florida ports of entry is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices lower. 11-pound cartons bunched green jumbo mostly 27.50-32.75, extra-large 21.00-24.75, large mostly 17.00-20.95, standard mostly 17.00-18.00 and small 10.75-12.00. White supplies are insufficient to quote. Overall supplies are moderate. Quality and condition are reported as variable but generally good. Movement of asparagus out of Walla Walla District and Lower Yakima Valley Washington are expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finished for the season. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Lighter shipments are expected through the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>. The last F.O.B. report was issued on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Quality variable. Movement of asparagus crossings from Mexico through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading fairly slow. Prices generally unchanged. 11-pound cartons/crates bunched green jumbo 22.75-24.75, large mostly 19.75-20.75 and standard mostly 18.75-19.75. Extra services included. No quality reported. Movement of asparagus out of Michigan is expected about the same. Trading fairly active. Prices generally unchanged. Pyramid cartons 28-pound bunched green large and standard mostly 50.75-52.75. 11-pound cartons bunched green large and standard mostly 20.75-22.75. Prices remain about steady.

Movement of avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices 60-70s lower, 40s generally unchanged, others higher. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-36s mostly 30.25-31.25, 40s mostly 30.25-32.25, 48s mostly 32.25-33.25, 60s mostly 27.25-28.25, 70s mostly 23.25-24.25 and 84s mostly 19.25. Extra services included. Avocado movement out of South District California is expected to increase. Trading moderate. Prices 32-48s higher, others lower. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-36s mostly 32.25-34.25, 40s mostly 33.25-34.25, 48s mostly 34.25-36.25, 60s mostly 28.25-30.25, 70s 23.25-25.25 and 84s mostly 19.25-20.25. Extra services included.

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Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early fairly active, late moderate. Prices lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium 15.95-17.95, large mostly 12.95-13.95, fair quality mostly 10.95-11.95 and ordinary quality mostly 8.95-9.95. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable. Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices 24s lower, 36s slightly lower, others generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 16.95-18.95, large mostly 12.00-12.95, fair quality mostly 12.95-14.95 and small mostly 10.95. Cartons 24s mostly 6.95 and 36s mostly 8.95-9.95. Quality variable. Movement of cucumber out of South Georgia is expected to increase. Trading moderate. Prices 24s steady, others higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium 20.85 and fair quality 8.85. Cartons 24s 5.85-6.85. Quality generally good.

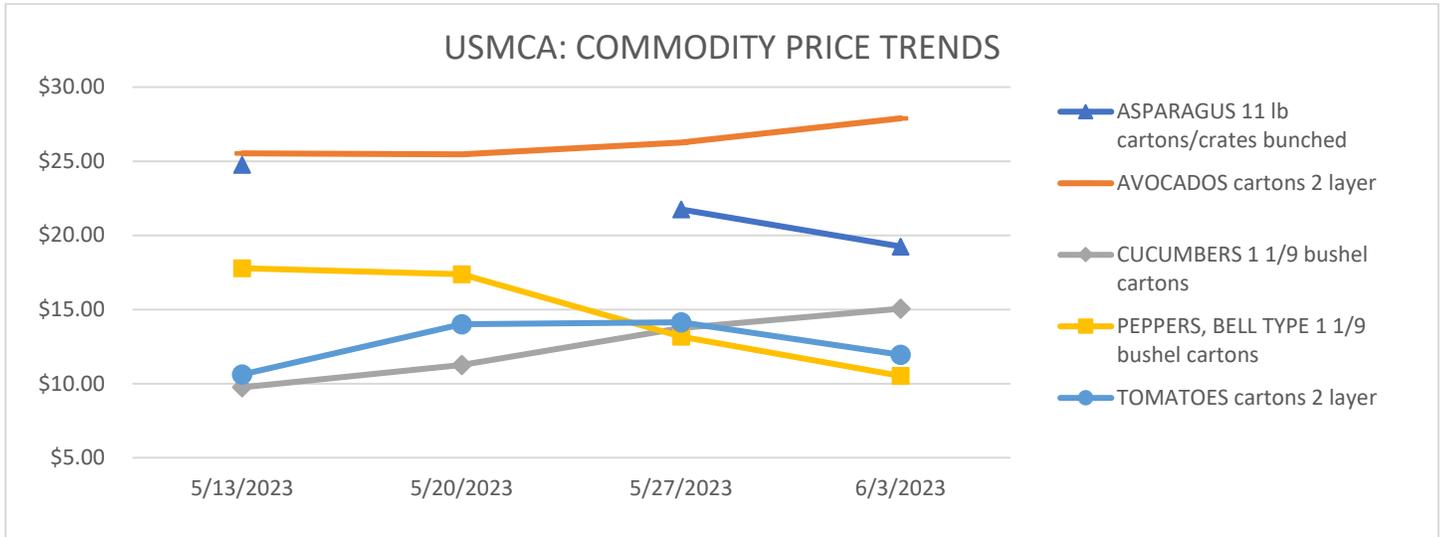
Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading early moderate, late slow. Prices extra-large much lower, large lower, medium slightly lower, others generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green extra-large 8.95-10.95, large 8.95, medium mostly 4.95-6.95 and irregular size fair quality 5.95-6.95. Quality variable. Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices extra-large and medium much lower, large lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green extra-large mostly 10.95-11.95, large mostly 8.95-9.95 and medium mostly 6.95-7.95. Quality variable. Green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California movement expected to increase seasonally. Trading fairly active at slightly lower prices. Prices slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo mostly 14.95-16.95, extra-large mostly 15.95-17.95, large mostly 13.95-14.95 and irregular sized fair quality 9.95-11.95. Quality variable.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices 4x4-4x5 sizes slightly lower, others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer vine ripers 4x4-4x5s mostly 13.95-14.95, 5x5s mostly 11.95-12.95, 5x6s mostly 8.95-9.95 and 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes mostly 13.95-14.95, 5x5 size 11.95-12.95 and 5x6 size 8.95-9.95. Quality generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading early fairly slow, late moderate. Prices 5x5s much lower, others lower. Cartons 2-layer vine ripers 4x4-4x5s mostly 10.95-12.95, 5x5s mostly 8.95-9.95 and 5x6s mostly 6.95-7.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finished for the season. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Lighter shipments are expected to be done by the end of the week. The last F.O.B. report was issued this week. Quality variable. Tomato movement out of Florida West and South Carolina Districts is expected to remain about the same. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens U.S. number one or better 5x6 size 16.95-17.00, 6x6 size 15.00-17.00 and 6x7 size 13.00-16.95. Supplies are light but continue to increase. Demand is good with prices about steady. Extra services included. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Southeastern Arkansas is expected to begin within 2-4 days with light volume and a small number of shippers. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued by the week of June 11<sup>th</sup>. Quality is expected to be generally good.

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

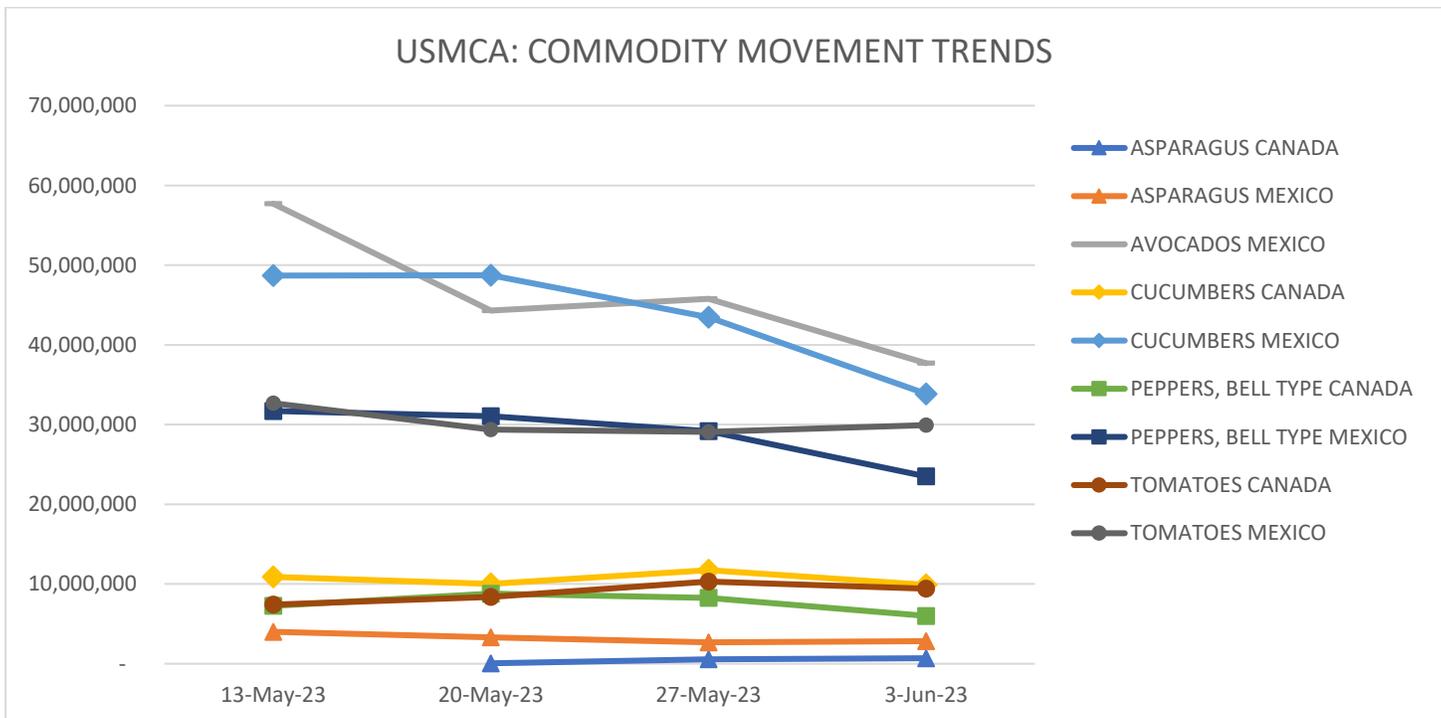
**Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars**

Commodity	Package	5/13/2023	5/20/2023	5/27/2023	6/3/2023
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 24.75		\$ 21.75	\$ 19.25
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 25.54	\$ 25.46	\$ 26.25	\$ 27.89
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 9.75	\$ 11.25	\$ 13.75	\$ 15.06
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 17.78	\$ 17.38	\$ 13.16	\$ 10.52
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 10.62	\$ 14.01	\$ 14.14	\$ 11.95

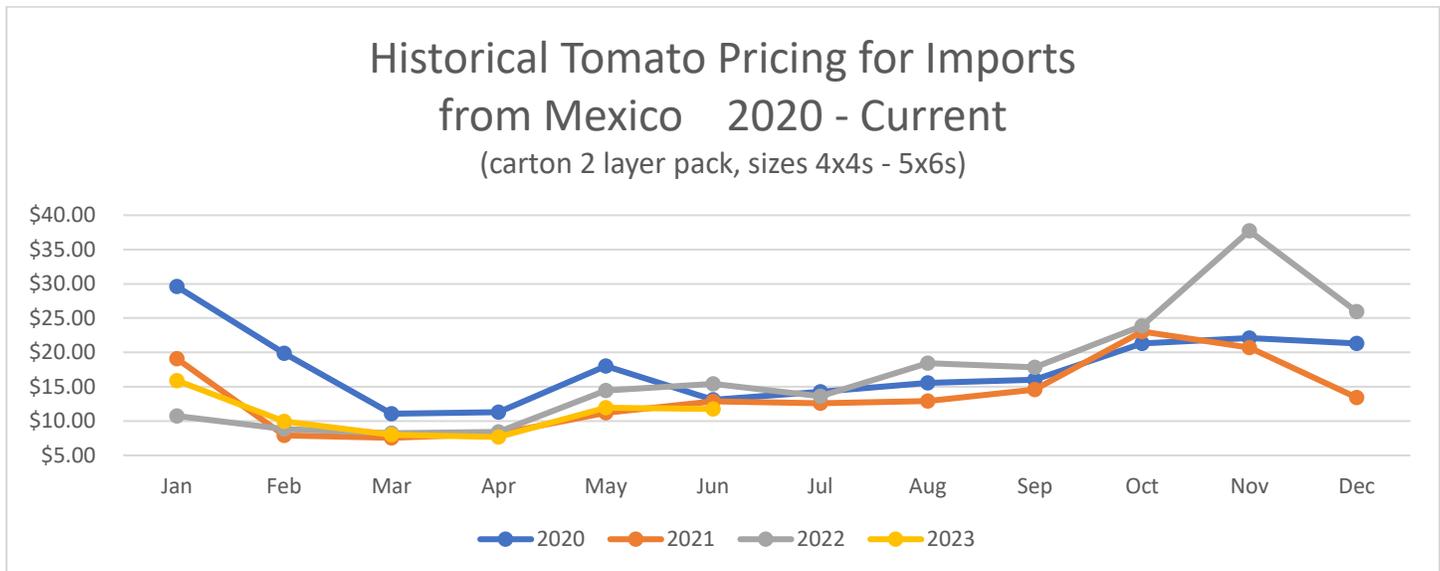


### Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	13-May-23	20-May-23	27-May-23	3-Jun-23
ASPARAGUS	CANADA		53,771	543,392	689,182
	MEXICO	4,002,496	3,295,703	2,683,623	2,810,391
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	57,711,296	44,293,175	45,782,367	37,694,330
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	10,874,989	9,994,734	11,734,894	9,897,840
	MEXICO	48,689,679	48,730,928	43,473,464	33,860,367
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	7,243,447	8,794,708	8,248,768	6,001,573
	MEXICO	31,705,062	31,032,199	29,165,403	23,494,674
TOMATOES	CANADA	7,414,245	8,381,829	10,306,746	9,411,735
	MEXICO	32,679,357	29,371,050	29,080,472	29,925,833



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