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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.

The current and extreme weather conditions hovering over North America could have an impact with crop production yields and, in the meantime, consumers can expect to see smaller selections at the grocery store. The U.S. and Mexico are dealing with triple-digit temperatures in the growing regions, while Canada is experiencing record-breaking wildfires that bring heavy and thick smoke to several parts of the United States. The prolonged heat, drier conditions and high temperatures can cause crops to stress and create immaturity problems. It is not clear how the wildfires will impact the agricultural industry, but some farmers have already lost agricultural equipment to the fire such as tractors, harvesters, sprayers and utility trailers. These record-breaking temperatures and extreme weather conditions came earlier than expected in the growing regions of the U.S. and Mexico. There is no relief insight, and these triple-digit temperatures are expected to continue for the foreseeable future. North American farmers and growers know that one impactful season, like the one they are experiencing, can have devastating affects that last much longer than one season.

Movement of asparagus from Peru imports through South Florida ports of entry is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices higher. 11-pound cartons bunched green extra-large supplies insufficient to quote, large mostly 33.75-36.00 and standard mostly 31.75-32.75. Most sales are prorated. Supplies jumbo and extra-large are very light, others remain light. Supplies are in too few hands and are expected to be short for the next 2-4 days. Some crop damages reported due to weather related events earlier in the winter and spring months. Prices remain about steady. Quality and condition variable but generally good. Movement of asparagus crossings from Mexico through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to increase. Trading fairly active. Prices higher. 11-pound cartons/crates bunched green jumbo mostly 34.75-37.75, large mostly 35.75-36.75 and standard 34.75-35.75. Extra services included.

Movement of avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas is expected to increase slightly. Trading fairly slow. Prices lower. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-48s mostly 60.25-63.25, 60s mostly 52.25-54.25, 70s mostly 40.25-44.25 and 84s mostly 32.25-35.25. Extra services included. Avocado movement out of South District California is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices lower. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32-48s 63.25-65.25, 60s mostly 52.25-55.25, 70s 42.25-45.25 and 84s mostly 32.25-35.25. Extra services included. Movement of avocado from Peru imports through Philadelphia and New York City areas ports of entry is expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer Hass 48s mostly 38.00, 60s mostly 32.00-34.00 and 70s mostly 28.00-30.00. Supplies are very light, and demand remains slow. Prices are about steady.

Movement of cucumber from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading fairly active. Prices slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 20.95-21.95, large mostly 16.95, fair quality mostly 13.95-14.95 and ordinary quality mostly 11.95-12.95. 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 early moderate, late slow. Prices generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium 14.95-16.95, large mostly 10.95 and fair quality mostly 10.95. Cartons 24s mostly 4.95-5.95 and 36s 6.95-8.95. Quality variable. Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa is expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate.

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Prices medium slightly lower, others lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium 18.95, large 14.95 and fair quality 16.95. Cartons 36s 8.95-10.95. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber out of South Georgia is expected to decrease as some shippers are finished for the season. Trading moderate. Prices higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium mostly 18.85-20.85 and fair quality 6.85-10.85. Cartons 24s 7.85-8.85. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber out of Eastern North Carolina is expected to decrease seasonally as most shippers are finished for the season. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Lighter supplies are expected to continue for the next 5-7 days. The last F.O.B. report was issued this week. Quality generally good.

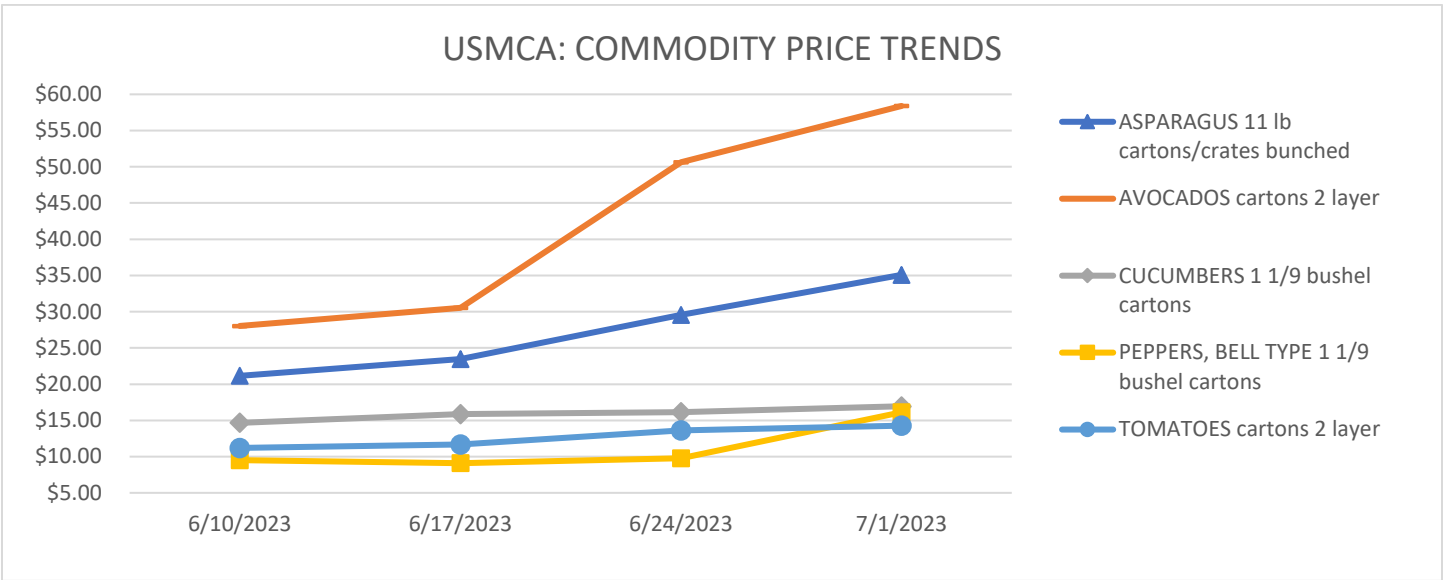
Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading early active, late moderate. Prices extra-large slightly higher, others generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green extra-large mostly 17.95-18.95, large mostly 15.95-16.95 and medium mostly 13.95-14.95. Quality variable. Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading fairly active. Prices slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green extra-large mostly 19.95-20.95, large mostly 17.95-18.95 and irregular sized fair quality 13.95-14.95. Quality generally good. Green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California movement 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. Sporadic and lighter shipments are expected to continue through the week of July 8th. The last F.O.B. report was issued this week. Quality variable. Green bell peppers out of Eastern North Carolina movement are expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and large 16.35-18.35, irregular sized fair quality 12.35-14.35. No quality reported.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading early moderate, late fairly active. Prices 4x4-4x5s and 5x5-5x6 sizes higher, 4x4-4x5 sizes slightly higher, others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s mostly 13.95-14.95, 5x5s mostly 10.95, 5x6s mostly 7.95-8.95 and 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes mostly 14.95-15.95, 5x5 size mostly 12.95 and 5x6 size 10.95-11.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Florida West and South Carolina Districts 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 continue through the end of the week. The last F.O.B. report has been issued this week. Quality generally good. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early fairly active, late moderate. Prices 5x5-5x6s slightly higher, others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s 14.95-17.95 and 5x5s-5x6s 15.00-16.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Southeastern Arkansas is expected to remain about the same. Trading very active. Prices cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4s and 5x5s mostly 16.00-17.00. 25-pound cartons loose vine ripens 5x6 size and 6x6 size mostly 16.00-17.00. Extra services included. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central District California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices higher. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens jumbo, extra-large and large 16.95-19.95 and medium 14.95-16.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore light supplies are expected to start within 5 days. Expect sufficient number of shippers for the first F.O.B. report to be issued within 10 days. Quality is expected to be generally good. Tomato movement out of Alabama light supplies are expected to start within 5 days. Expect sufficient number of shippers for the first F.O.B. report to be issued within 10 days. Quality is expected to be generally good.

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

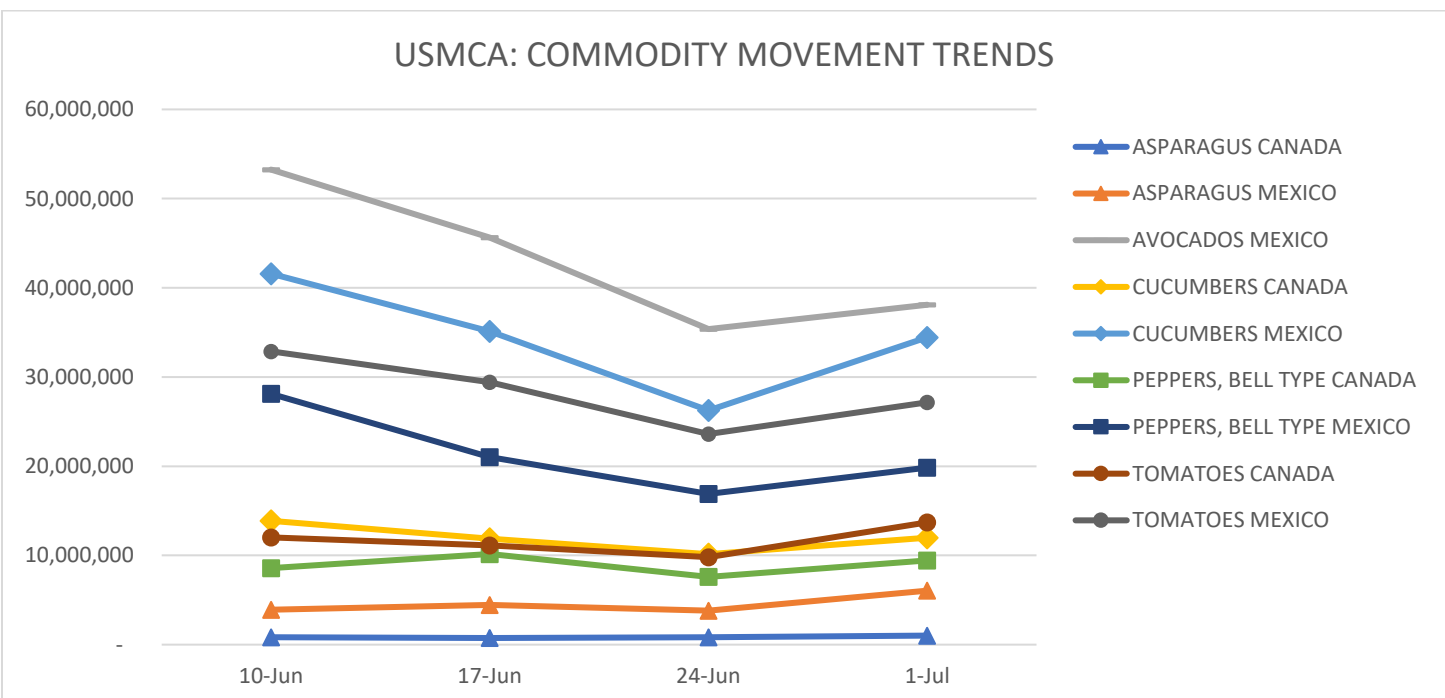
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	6/10/2023	6/17/2023	6/24/2023	7/1/2023
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 21.15	\$ 23.45	\$ 29.58	\$ 35.08
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 28.04	\$ 30.54	\$ 50.61	\$ 58.39
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 14.66	\$ 15.88	\$ 16.12	\$ 16.95
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 9.52	\$ 9.09	\$ 9.78	\$ 16.12
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.66	\$ 13.64	\$ 14.27

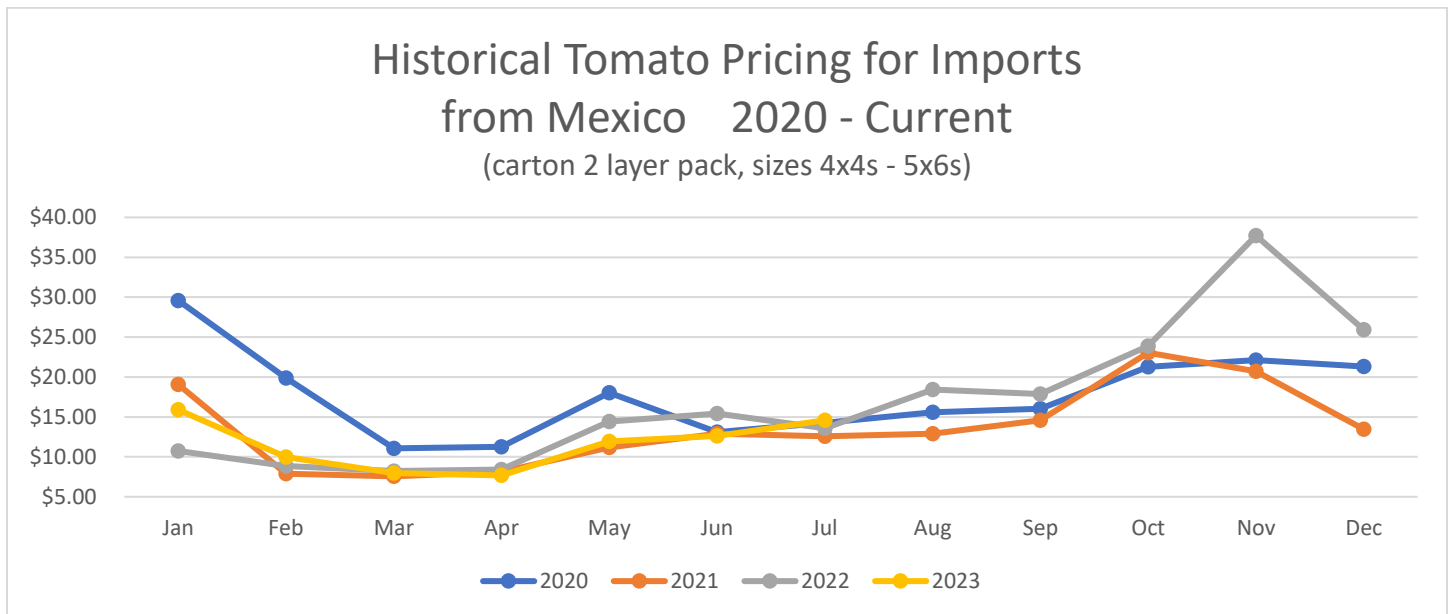


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	10-Jun-23	17-Jun-23	24-Jun-23	1-Jul-23
ASPARAGUS	CANADA	813,315	743,985	828,501	1,012,583
	MEXICO	3,899,414	4,467,732	3,811,520	6,049,645
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	53,253,091	45,637,107	35,372,612	38,088,668
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	13,877,520	11,882,689	10,142,481	11,977,890
	MEXICO	41,582,579	35,139,581	26,253,884	34,442,251
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	8,591,295	10,164,049	7,594,678	9,423,348
	MEXICO	28,111,201	21,015,690	16,894,460	19,844,950
TOMATOES	CANADA	12,035,244	11,116,228	9,806,576	13,700,966
	MEXICO	32,878,074	29,428,179	23,610,680	27,173,353



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