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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. Blueberries have replaced asparagus, as the number of growing areas for shipping blueberries continues to grow while demand for asparagus is traditionally light in late summer. This list will be revisited regularly to maintain an accurate representation of the current trade situation affecting shippers of perishable commodities in North America.

Peru imports of blueberries 2023 crop through Miami, Philadelphia and New York ports of entry is expected to remain about the same. Trading fairly active. Prices lower. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large 47.00-55.00. Movement is via boat. Warmer weather continues to limit Peruvian imports. Movement of blueberries through Arizona, California and Texas are expected to increase slightly. Trading very active. Prices generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids mostly 35.00-36.00. Spot market sales remain especially scarce. Quality variable.

Movement of avocado 2023 crop crossings from Mexico through Texas is expected about the same. Trading 70s and 84s fairly slow, others moderate. Prices 60-84s slightly lower, others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer Hass 40s mostly 44.25-45.25, 48s mostly 38.25-40.25, 60s mostly 30.25, 70s mostly 18.25-20.25 and 84s mostly 16.25-18.25. Extra services included.

Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early moderate, late fairly slow. Prices medium much lower, others slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 12.95-14.95, large mostly 14.95-16.95, fair quality 8.95-10.95 and ordinary quality mostly 6.95. Cartons 24s mostly 6.95 and 36s mostly 6.95-7.95. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early moderate, late fairly active. Prices slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium and large mostly 17.95-18.95, fair quality mostly 15.95-16.95 and ordinary quality mostly 11.95-12.95. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable. Cucumber movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to increase seasonally as more shippers begin the season. Trading moderate. Prices Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 16.35, fair quality mostly 10.35. Cartons 24s mostly 7.35-8.35. Demand remains moderate and prices were slightly lower by the end of the week. This is the first F.O.B. report for this season. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber out of Georgia is expected to increase. Trading moderate. Prices lower. Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium 16.35-16.85 and fair quality 8.35-10.85. Cartons 24s 5.35-7.85. Quality generally good.

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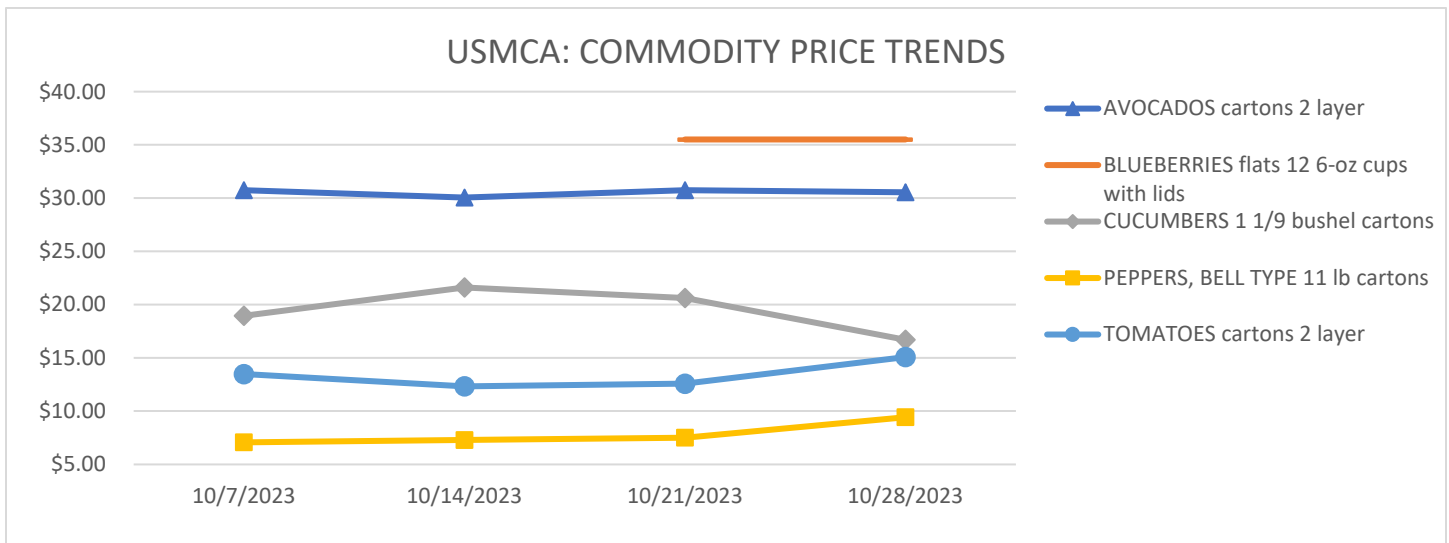
Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo mostly 17.95-18.95, extra-large mostly 19.95-20.95, large mostly 16.95-17.95, medium mostly 15.95-16.95 and irregular sized fair quality mostly 14.95-15.95. Supplies fairly light. Demand is fairly active, and prices were slightly higher later in the week. The season is expected to continue for another 1-2 weeks. Quality generally good. Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase seasonally. Supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of November 12th. Quality generally good. Green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California movement is expected to increase seasonally. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of October 29th. Demand is fairly active, and volume is increasing day by day. Quality is expected to be generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida are expected to begin with very light shipments. Expect sufficient volume and number of shippers for first F.O.B. report within 5-10 days.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early fairly active, late active. Prices much higher. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s mostly 20.95-21.95, 5x5-5x6s mostly 18.95-19.95 and 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes mostly 22.95-24.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes 20.95-21.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Florida West District is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices 6x7 size generally unchanged, others lower. Prices reported are for Friday, October 27th. 25-pound carton loose, 85 percent U.S. One or Better 5x6 size 15.00-17.00, 6x6 size 14.00-14.95, 6x7 size mostly 8.00-10.95. Cold weather is expected this week. Growers are harvesting as much as they can before the cold front arrives. Extra services included. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central District California is expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finishing for the season. Trading early moderate, late active. Prices much higher. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens extra-large 12.00, large mostly 11.00 and medium mostly 8.00-9.00. Supplies very light. Quality generally good. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa is expected about the same. Trading early active, late very active. Prices higher. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s mostly 15.95-17.95 and 5x5-5x6s mostly 15.95-16.95. Supplies fairly light. Quality generally good. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Supplies in too few hands to establish a market. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of November 12th. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida harvest is expected to increase as more growers begin the season. Light harvest has begun. Expect sufficient number of shippers for the first F.O.B. report this week. Cold weather delayed early morning harvest. Quality is expected to be generally good. Tomato movement out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore is expected to decrease sharply as most growers are finished for the season. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Lighter shipments are expected for the duration of the season. The last F.O.B. report was issued this week.

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

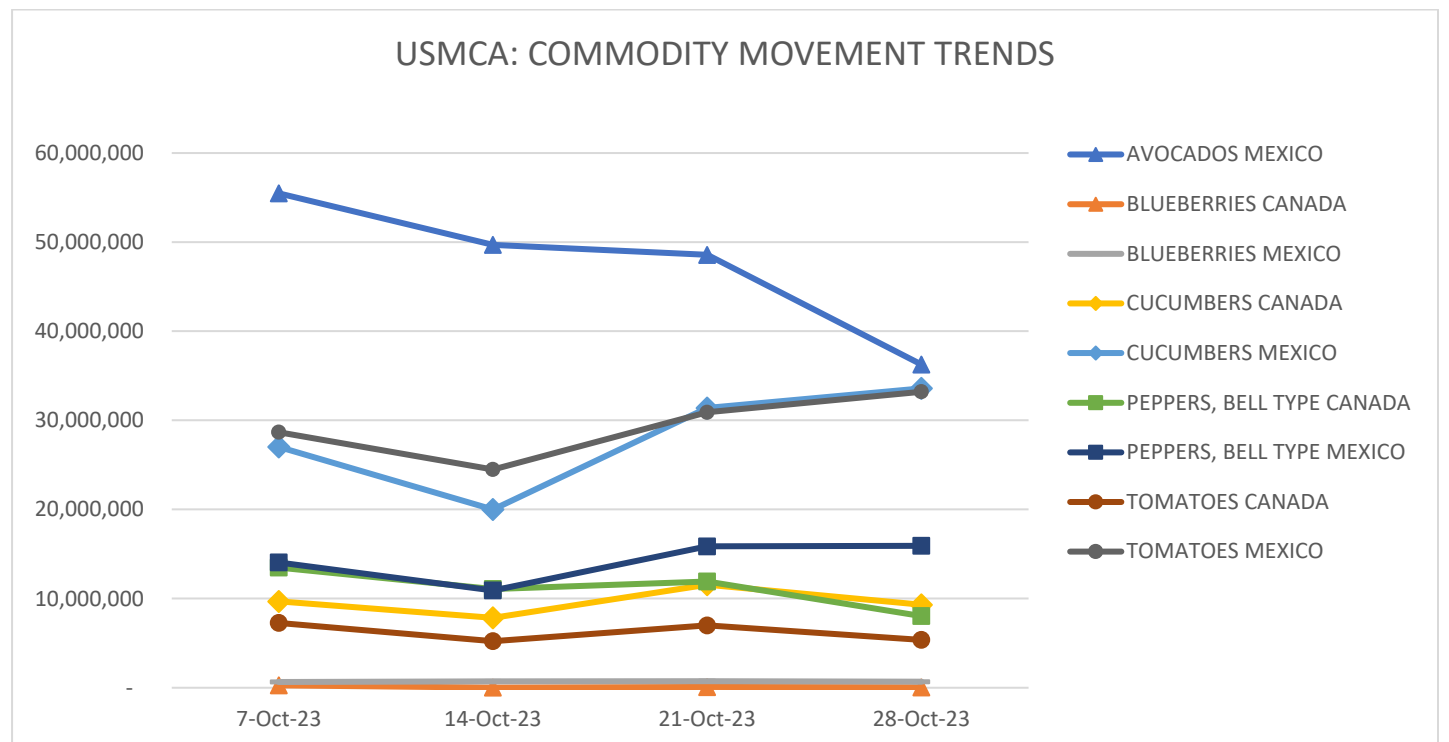
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

| Commodity | Package | 10/7/2023 | 10/14/2023 | 10/21/2023 | 10/28/2023 |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| AVOCADOS | cartons 2 layer | \$ 30.75 | \$ 30.05 | \$ 30.75 | \$ 30.55 |
| BLUEBERRIES | flats 12 6-oz cups with lids | | | \$ 35.50 | \$ 35.50 |
| CUCUMBERS | 1 1/9-bushel cartons | \$ 18.95 | \$ 21.62 | \$ 20.62 | \$ 16.71 |
| PEPPERS, BELL TYPE | 11 lb. cartons | \$ 7.07 | \$ 7.29 | \$ 7.50 | \$ 9.43 |
| TOMATOES | cartons 2 layer | \$ 13.48 | \$ 12.33 | \$ 12.58 | \$ 15.08 |

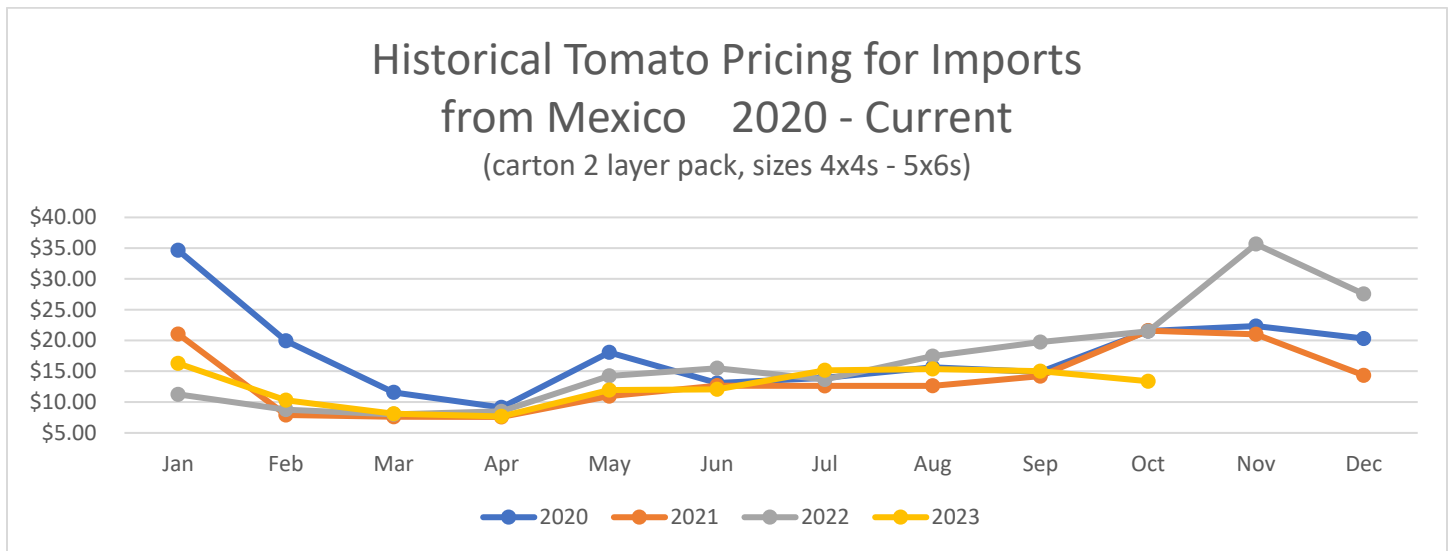


Four Week Movement in Pounds

| COMMODITY | ORIGIN | 7-Oct-23 | 14-Oct-23 | 21-Oct-23 | 28-Oct-23 |
|--------------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| AVOCADOS | MEXICO | 55,484,064 | 49,686,479 | 48,563,962 | 36,261,848 |
| BLUEBERRIES | CANADA | 257,773 | 21,806 | 69,258 | 40,414 |
| | MEXICO | 644,580 | 698,172 | 728,596 | 662,578 |
| CUCUMBERS | CANADA | 9,677,725 | 7,848,522 | 11,567,018 | 9,296,995 |
| | MEXICO | 27,012,240 | 20,005,816 | 31,389,283 | 33,586,084 |
| PEPPERS, BELL TYPE | CANADA | 13,487,880 | 11,070,252 | 11,914,811 | 8,033,149 |
| | MEXICO | 14,050,313 | 10,919,992 | 15,856,939 | 15,930,037 |
| TOMATOES | CANADA | 7,265,642 | 5,211,959 | 6,984,744 | 5,359,383 |
| | MEXICO | 28,662,867 | 24,482,436 | 30,901,547 | 33,206,932 |



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