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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.

This Thanksgiving Day holiday, consumers are expected to pay a little more for their Thanksgiving dinner when compared to last year. Although 2023 estimates are not yet available, the Consumer Price Index shows food at home prices up 2.4% this year. A year ago, the average cost for 10 people was around \$64.05. Labor and food production costs are contributing to the increased cost of produce this year. One bright spot this year, consumers can expect to pay less for cranberries with an estimated 20% less and Romaine lettuce with an estimated 10% less than last year. Other Thanksgiving food staples like potatoes, pumpkins for pie, sweet potatoes and green beans are all higher this year. A big thank you to all of the growers, producers, truckers and manufacturers up and down the food chain for supplying our Thanksgiving feast. Happy Thanksgiving!

Movement of blueberries from Peru imports 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 47.00-52.00. Volume is increasing weekly as supplies become more available. Quality generally good. Movement of blueberries from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas are expected to increase slightly. Trading fairly slow. Prices lower. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids mostly 40.00-42.00. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids mostly 24.00. Prices are lower as imports from Peru currently have a large share of the U.S. market. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable.

Movement of avocado from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading fairly slow. Prices lower. Cartons 2-layer Hass 36s mostly 50.25-52.25, 40s mostly 42.25-44.25, 48s mostly 36.25-38.25, 60s mostly 24.25-25.25, 70s mostly 16.25-18.25 and 84s mostly 15.25-16.25. Extra services included.

Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading active. Prices much higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 21.95-22.95, large mostly 18.95-20.95, fair quality 18.95-20.95 and ordinary quality mostly 12.95. Cartons 24s mostly 8.95 and 36s mostly 9.95-12.95. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading fairly active. Prices higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 20.95-22.95, large mostly 20.95-21.95, fair quality mostly 17.95-18.95 and ordinary quality mostly 14.95-15.95. 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 active. Prices 24s generally unchanged, others higher. Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 14.35, fair quality mostly 8.35. Cartons 24s mostly 5.00-5.35. Demand remains good and prices are higher when compared to the previous week. Supplies are very light and in too few hands. Includes palletizing and precooling. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber out of Georgia is expected to remain about the same.

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Trading moderate. Prices unchanged. Waxed 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium 14.35-16.85 and fair quality 10.35-10.85. Cartons 24s 7.35-8.85. Quality generally good.

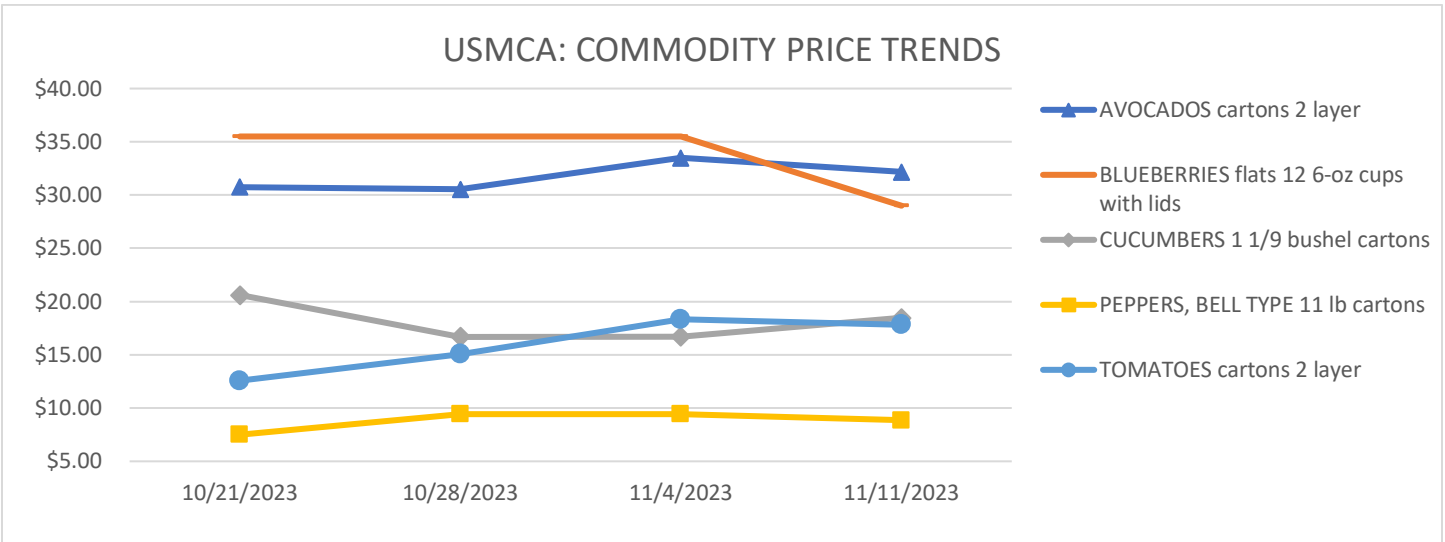
Green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California movement is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early fairly slow, late fairly active. Prices slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo 17.95-18.95, extra-large 19.95-21.95, large mostly 15.95-17.95 and irregular sized fair quality mostly 12.95-13.95. Demand continues to be fairly good. 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. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of November 12th. Quality generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California 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 was issued this week. Movement of green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida are expected to increase seasonally as more shippers begin the season. Trading active. Prices 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large mostly 16.35 and irregular sized fair quality mostly 12.35-14.35. Demand remains good and prices are slightly higher. Harvest was curtailed due to rain and wet fields during the week. Supplies are very light and in too few hands. Includes palletizing and precooling. Quality generally good.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early moderate, late active. Prices slightly higher. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s mostly 19.95-20.95, 5x5-5x6s mostly 16.95-17.95 and 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes mostly 20.95-21.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes 16.95-17.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to decrease slightly. Trading moderate. Prices 5x6 size generally unchanged, others lower. 25-pound cartons loose 5x6 size 14.95-16.95, 6x6 size 12.95-14.95 and 6x7 size 10.95-12.95. Volume continues to increase. Harvest was curtailed due to wet fields during the week. Extra services included. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Florida West District is expected to decrease as few growers are expected to finish for the season this week. Trading moderate. Prices lower. 25-pound carton loose, 85 percent U.S. One or Better 5x6 size mostly 16.00, 6x6 size mostly 14.00 and 6x7 size mostly 10.00. Harvest was curtailed due to wet fields during the week. Volume is decreasing sharply as season comes to an end. Extra services included. Quality generally good. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa is expected about the same. Trading 4x4-4x5s active, 5x5-5x6s moderate. Prices 4x4-4x5s slightly higher, 5x6s slightly lower, 5x5s generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-4x5s mostly 17.95-19.95, 5x5s mostly 16.95-17.95 and 5x6s mostly 15.95-16.95. Supplies 5x5-5x6s fairly heavy. 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. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of November 26th. Quality generally good.

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

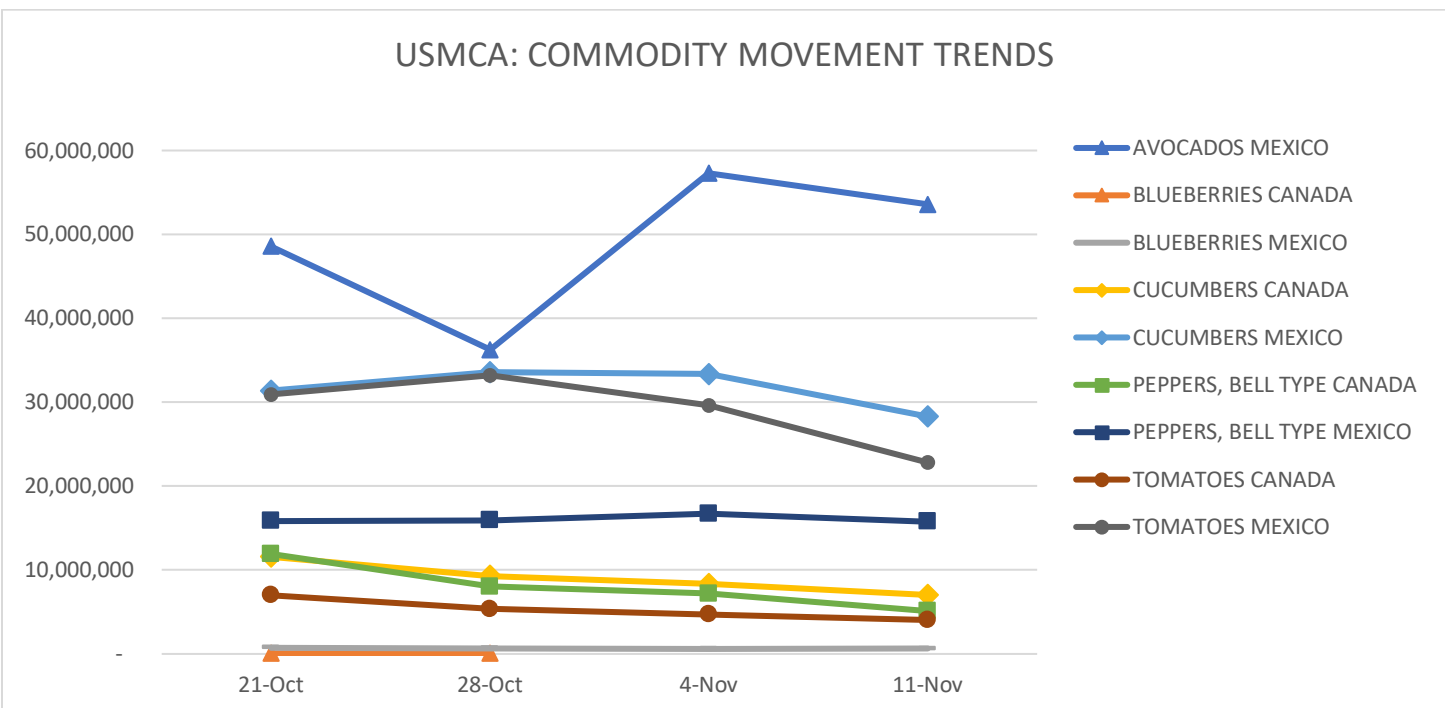
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	10/21/2023	10/28/2023	11/4/2023	11/11/2023
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 30.75	\$ 30.55	\$ 33.50	\$ 32.17
BLUEBERRIES	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 35.50	\$ 35.50	\$ 35.50	\$ 29.00
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 20.62	\$ 16.71	\$ 16.70	\$ 18.45
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb cartons	\$ 7.50	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.43	\$ 8.86
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 12.58	\$ 15.08	\$ 18.34	\$ 17.83

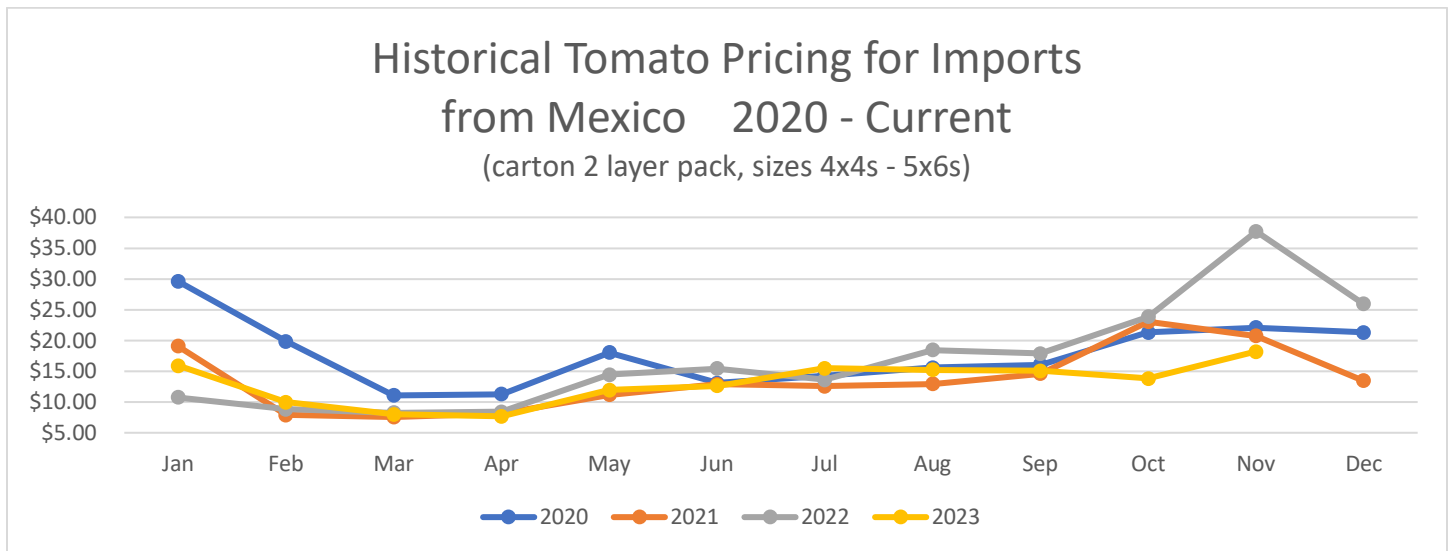


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	21-Oct	28-Oct	4-Nov	11-Nov
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	48,563,962	36,261,848	57,287,643	53,577,118
BLUEBERRIES	CANADA	69,258	40,414		
	MEXICO	728,596	662,578	592,461	642,676
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	11,567,018	9,296,995	8,343,344	7,027,223
	MEXICO	31,389,283	33,586,084	33,372,146	28,293,407
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	11,914,811	8,033,149	7,186,102	5,108,479
	MEXICO	15,856,939	15,930,037	16,716,541	15,755,867
TOMATOES	CANADA	6,984,744	5,359,383	4,713,164	4,044,131
	MEXICO	30,901,547	33,206,932	29,610,922	22,814,748



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:

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- 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