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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.

Strawberries are very popular during Valentine's Day, but this year's supply is yet to be determined for California strawberries. Heavy rains due to atmospheric rivers are pounding California growing regions, causing some significant flooding and wind damage. Between now and February 14th, more rains are expected to bring cooler weather right before the holiday pull. It is expected to affect harvest and crop maturity. Florida will also contribute with sizeable amounts of fruit just in time for the big day. Central Mexico is currently peaking with strawberries and Baja Mexico will be coming in with good supplies in the next couple of weeks. Looking ahead after Valentine's Day, shippers will need to get creative and start making deals to get leftover supplies moving again.

Movement of avocado from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading early moderate, late 48s active, others fairly active. Prices 40-48s higher, others generally unchanged. Cartons 2-layer Hass 32s mostly 43.25-44.25, 36s mostly 38.25-40.25, 40-48s mostly 36.25-37.25, 60s mostly 31.25-32.25, 70s mostly 22.25-24.25 and 84s mostly 18.25. Extra services included.

Movement of blueberries from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to increase. Trading fairly slow, late slow. Prices generally unchanged. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids mostly 24.00-26.00. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids mostly 14.00-16.00. Quality variable. Movement of blueberries from Chile imports through Miami, Philadelphia, and New York ports of entry is expected to increase. Trading moderate. Prices lower. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large 22.00-26.00, 6-ounce medium-large 16.00-18.00. Movement of blueberries from Peru imports through Miami, Philadelphia and New York ports of entry mostly via boat is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading moderate. Prices lower. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large 22.00-26.00, 6-ounce large mostly 12.00-15.00. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices small slightly lower, others much lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium (wide range in price) 20.95-24.95, large (wide range in price) 22.95-26.95, fair quality 20.95-22.95, ordinary quality 16.95-18.95 and small 20.95-24.95. Cartons 24s 10.95-14.95 and 36s 12.95-16.95. Quality generally good. Movement of cucumber from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices large slightly higher, others generally

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unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium mostly 28.95-30.95, large mostly 36.95-38.95, fair quality mostly 24.95-26.95 and ordinary quality mostly 20.95-22.95. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality variable. Cucumber movement from Central America (Honduras) via boat through South Florida ports of entry is expected to remain about the same. Trading moderate. Prices fair quality lower, others slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons waxed medium mostly 30.00-32.00, large supplies insufficient to quote, fair quality mostly 26.00-28.00, ordinary quality mostly 22.00-24.00. Cartons 24s 14.00. Supplies are light and in few hands. Production reported good. Quality and condition generally good.

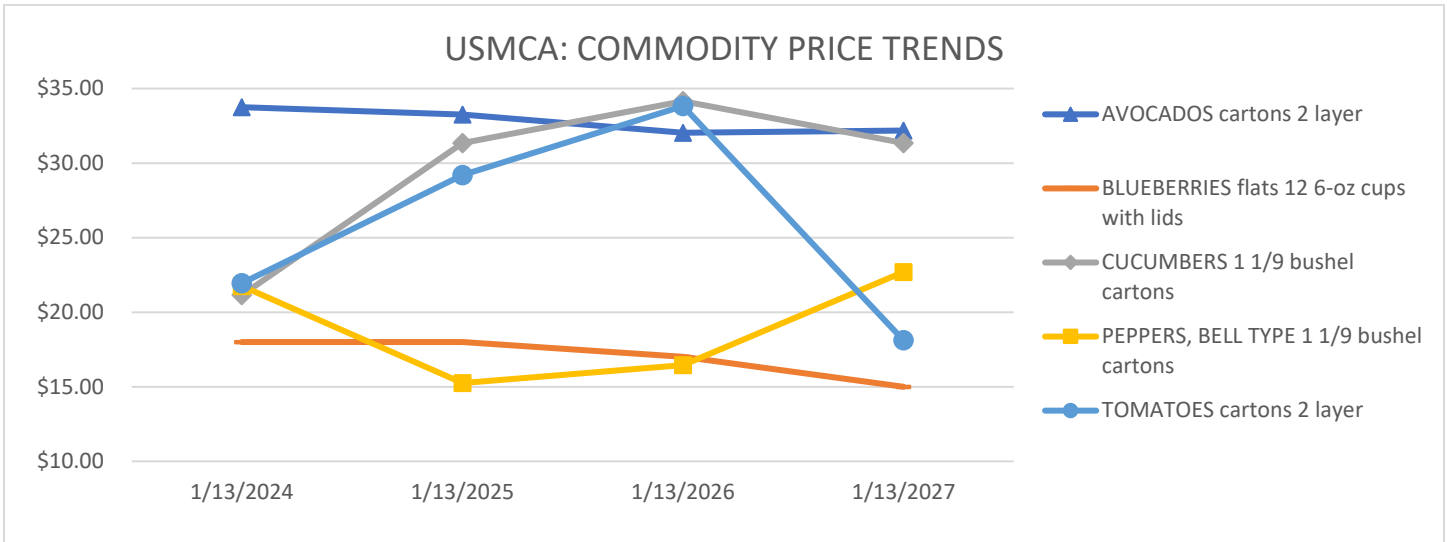
Movement of green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices much higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons (wide range in price) green jumbo and extra-large 28.95-32.95, large 28.95-30.95, medium 24.95-26.95 and irregular sized fair quality 22.95-24.95. Quality generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of Central and South Florida are expected to increase. Includes palletizing and precooling. 1 1/9-bushel cartons green jumbo and extra-large mostly 28.35-30.35, large mostly 24.35-26.35 and irregular sized fair quality mostly 20.35-26.35. Supplies remain light. Quality generally unchanged.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early moderate, late fairly slow. Prices much lower. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens 4x4-5x6s mostly 10.95-12.95 and 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes mostly 14.95-16.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes mostly 12.95-14.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected about the same. Trading moderate. Prices much lower. Cartons 2-layer vine ripens (wide range in price) 4x4-5x6s 10.95-14.95. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Central and South Florida is expected to decrease. Trading 6x7 size fairly slow, others moderate. Prices lower. Prices reported are for Friday, February 2nd. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens 85 percent U.S. One or Better 5x6 and 6x6 sizes 30.95-31.00 and 6x7 size 18.95-20.95. Demand remains fairly light on 6x7 size and moderate on others. Extra services included. Quality generally good.

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

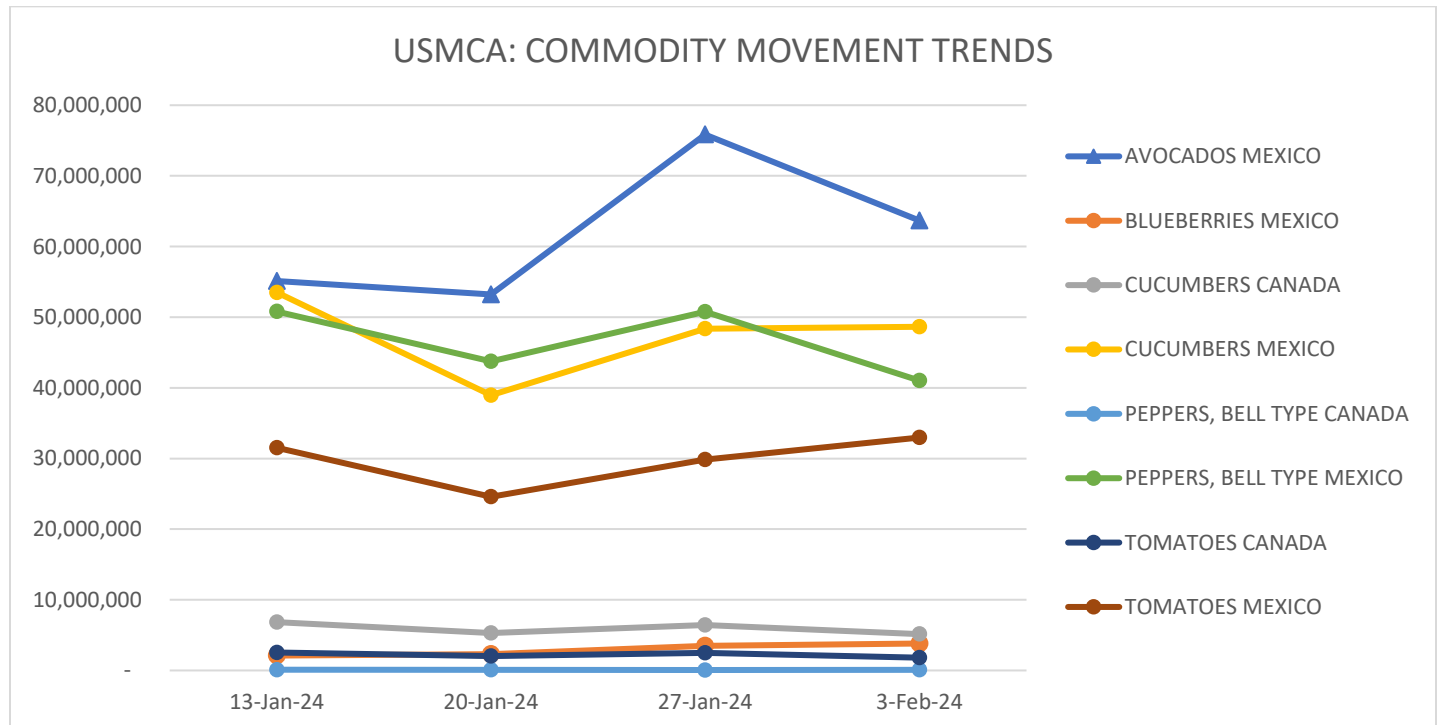
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	1/13/2024	1/13/2025	1/13/2026	1/13/2027
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 33.75	\$ 33.25	\$ 32.04	\$ 32.18
BLUEBERRIES	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 15.00
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 21.15	\$ 31.35	\$ 34.15	\$ 31.35
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 21.75	\$ 15.25	\$ 16.45	\$ 22.70
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 21.95	\$ 29.20	\$ 33.83	\$ 18.12

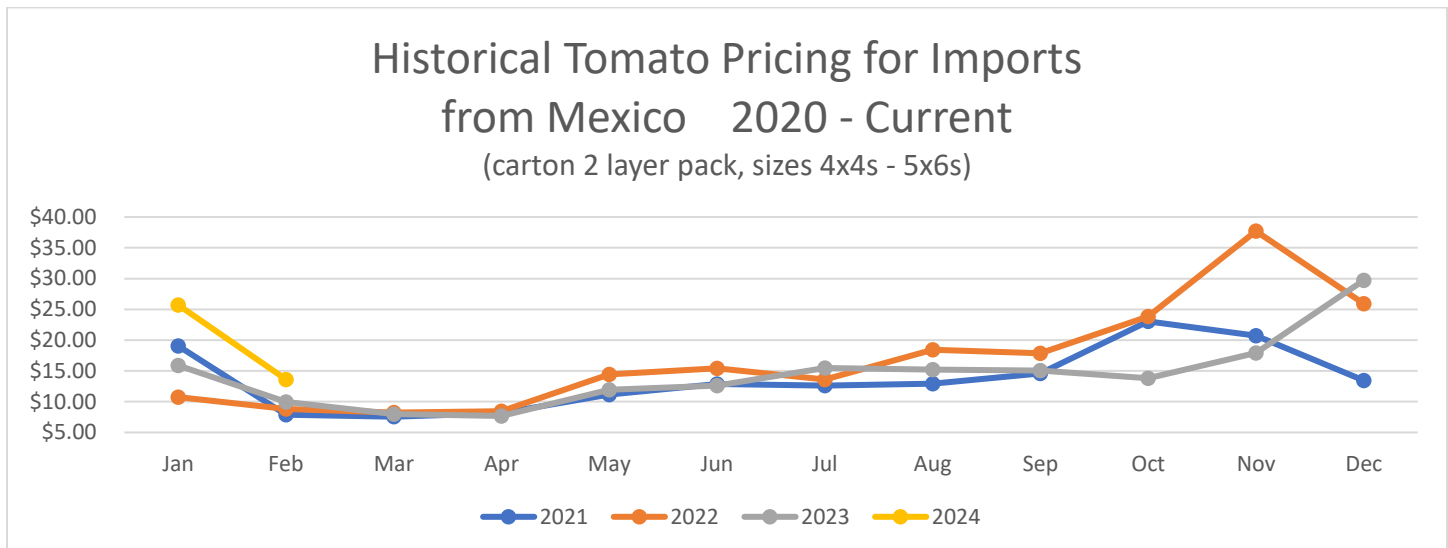


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	13-Jan-24	20-Jan-24	27-Jan-24	3-Feb-24
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	55,120,532	53,218,274	75,842,798	63,662,105
BLUEBERRIES	MEXICO	2,109,828	2,291,133	3,497,017	3,813,179
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	6,838,549	5,303,410	6,445,184	5,142,644
	MEXICO	53,508,900	38,960,679	48,379,866	48,653,290
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	106,153	103,053	64,657	86,568
	MEXICO	50,795,799	43,739,125	50,774,200	41,028,439
TOMATOES	CANADA	2,541,508	2,037,655	2,487,785	1,810,421
	MEXICO	31,540,740	24,582,713	29,845,297	32,966,993



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