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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.

Trucking Industry Working with Congress to Roll Back Electric Truck Mandate. A Congressional Review Act resolution has been introduced to work towards overturning or modifying the Phase 3 Greenhouse Gas (GHG3) emissions standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency. The current standards include post-2030 targets that industry representatives consider unachievable considering the current state of zero-emission technology, the lack of charging infrastructure, and restrictions on the power grid, according to American Trucking Associations Chief Advocacy and Public Affairs Officer Ed Gilroy. Several Senators and members of Congress have co-authored the resolution, aimed at adapting GHG3 in consideration of these significant barriers to its required implementation by the targeted date, which threatens to put additional strain on the supply chain if changes are not adopted.

Avocado movement of Mexico crossings through Texas expected to remain about the same. Demand remains light to moderate but the market is showing some recovery as the 2023 harvest is coming to an end. Trading slow early increasing to moderate later, with supply now in line with demand. Prices higher. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-48s are mostly 48.25-50.25, 60s are mostly 38.25-40.25, 70s are mostly 30.28-32.25, 84s are mostly 26.25-28.25; organic 48s are mostly 54.25-56.25, 60s are mostly 54.25-57.25, 70s are mostly 43.25-4.25. Extra services are included. Movement from South District California is expected to remain about the same. Trading fairly slow with prices generally unchanged. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32s are mostly 50.25-52.25, 36-48s are mostly 48.25-50.25, 60s are mostly 42.25-44.25, 70s are mostly 32.25-34.25, 84s are mostly 26.25-28.25; organic 48s-60s are mostly 56.25-58.25. Extra services are included.

Blueberry movement from South Georgia is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged, with increased availability putting pressure on competing growing areas. Flats 12/1-pt cups with lids large are mostly 12.00-14.00, Flats 12/6-oz cups with lids large are mostly 10.00; organic Flats 12/1-pt cups with lids large are 26.00-28.00, Flats 12/6-oz cups with lids large are mostly 20.00-22.00. Movement from Eastern North Carolina is expected about the same. Trading is moderate at lower prices. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 14.00-16.00. Movement from the Central and Southern California Coast is expected to increase seasonally. Available supplies are light, with organic more readily available on the spot market than conventional berries. Demand slow. Trading slow with organic prices lower, others generally unchanged. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids are mostly 14.00-16.00, 12 6-ounce cups with lids are mostly 12.00-14.00; organic flats 12 1-pint cups with lids are mostly 2.00-28.00, 6-ounce cups with lids are mostly 14.00. Quality is generally good. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to decrease. Trading slow with light demand and prices generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids are mostly 12.00-14.00. Quality is variable. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. The first report has been issued for blueberries out of South and Central District California, with movement expected to increase seasonally. Current supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market and the first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of June 2. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of Peru imports via boat through Miami, Philadelphia, and New York ports of entries is expected to decrease seasonally. Remaining supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Movement from Florida is expected to decrease seasonally. Remaining supplies are in too few hands to establish a market and the last report has been issued.

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Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading was moderate early and fairly active later. Prices of medium are higher, large much higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 17.95-18.95, fair quality are mostly 13.95-14.95, ordinary quality are mostly 9.95-10.95, large are mostly 16.95-17.95. Quality and condition are variable. Many present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading was moderate at slightly higher prices. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 16.95-18.95, fair quality are 14.95-16.95, ordinary quality are 5.95-7.95; large are 14.00-14.95; cartons 24s are 8.45-9.00, 36s are 8.95-10.95. Quality is variable. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase seasonally. Current supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Quality is reported as generally good. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of June 2. Movement from Central and South Florida is expected to slightly decrease. Trading fairly slow with prices generally unchanged. Price includes palletizing and precooling. 1 1/9-bushel cartons waxed medium supply insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market, and the last report has been issued.

Green Bell Pepper movement from Imperial and Coachella Valleys, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices on irregular are slightly lower with others generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are 18.95-20.95, large are 17.95-18.95, irregular sized fair quality are mostly 11.95-13.95. Quality is generally good.

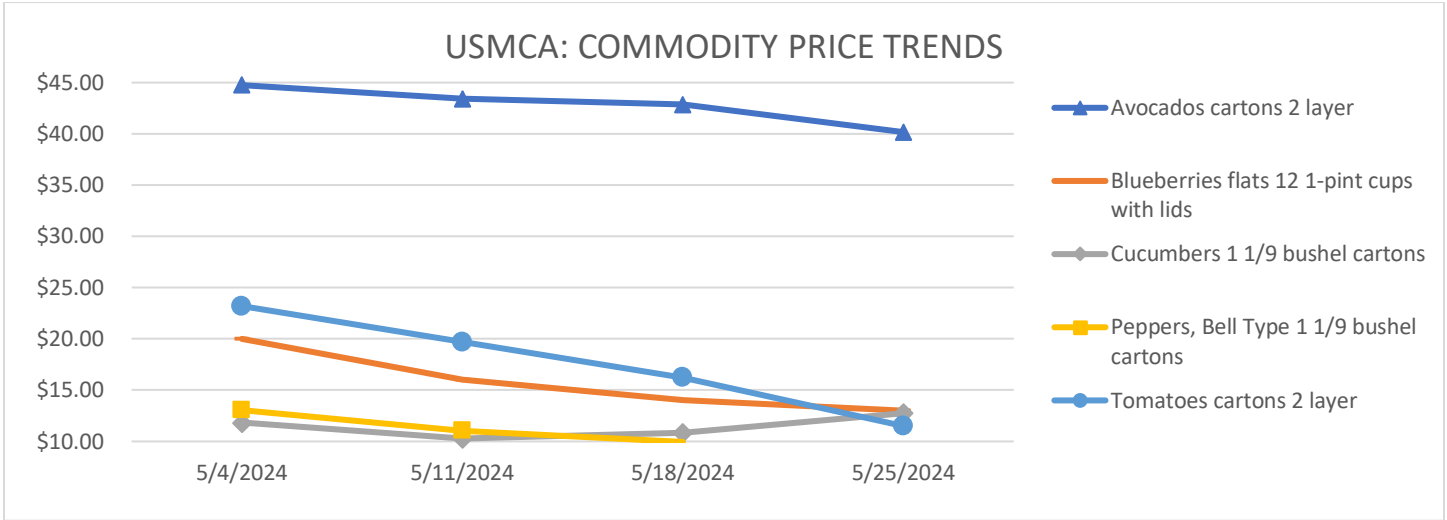
Movement from Central and South Florida is expected to decrease as most shippers have finished for the season. Current supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market, and the last FOB price report has been issued. The last report has been issued for green bell peppers from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona. Lighter crossings are expected to continue through the week of June 2.

Tomato movement from Central and South Florida is expected to decrease, with many Central Florida growers expected to finish harvest within 7 the next days. Light shipments expected to continue for the next 10-12 days. Trading was fairly slow at slightly lower prices. Extra services are included. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens 85 percent U.S. One or better 5x6, 6x6 and 6x7 sizes are 10.95-12.95. Quality is generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading fairly slow. Prices on 4x4-4x5s slightly lower, 4x4-4x5 sizes slightly lower, and others much lower. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 10.95-11.95, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 7.13; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 10.95-11.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 8.30. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading early was fairly slow and slow later. Prices are lower. Cartons 25-pound cartons loose Vine Ripes 5x5 and 5x6 sizes are mostly 8.30-8.95, 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4-4x5s are mostly 8.95-9.95, 5x5s are 7.13-8.95, and 5x6s are 6.64-8.95. Quality is reported as variable. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading was moderate early and fairly slow later at lower prices. Prices cartons 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4-4x5s are 8.95-11.00, 5x5-5x6s are 8.95-10.00. Quality is generally good. The first report has been issued for tomatoes from the Florida West and South Carolina District. Light harvest continues out of West Florida while South Carolina growers are expected to begin harvest this week. Movement expected to increase as growers start the season, with the first FOB report expected within 14 days. Light shipments from Southern Arkansas are expected to begin within 7-10 days with sufficient volume and number of shippers for first FOB report by week of June 9.

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

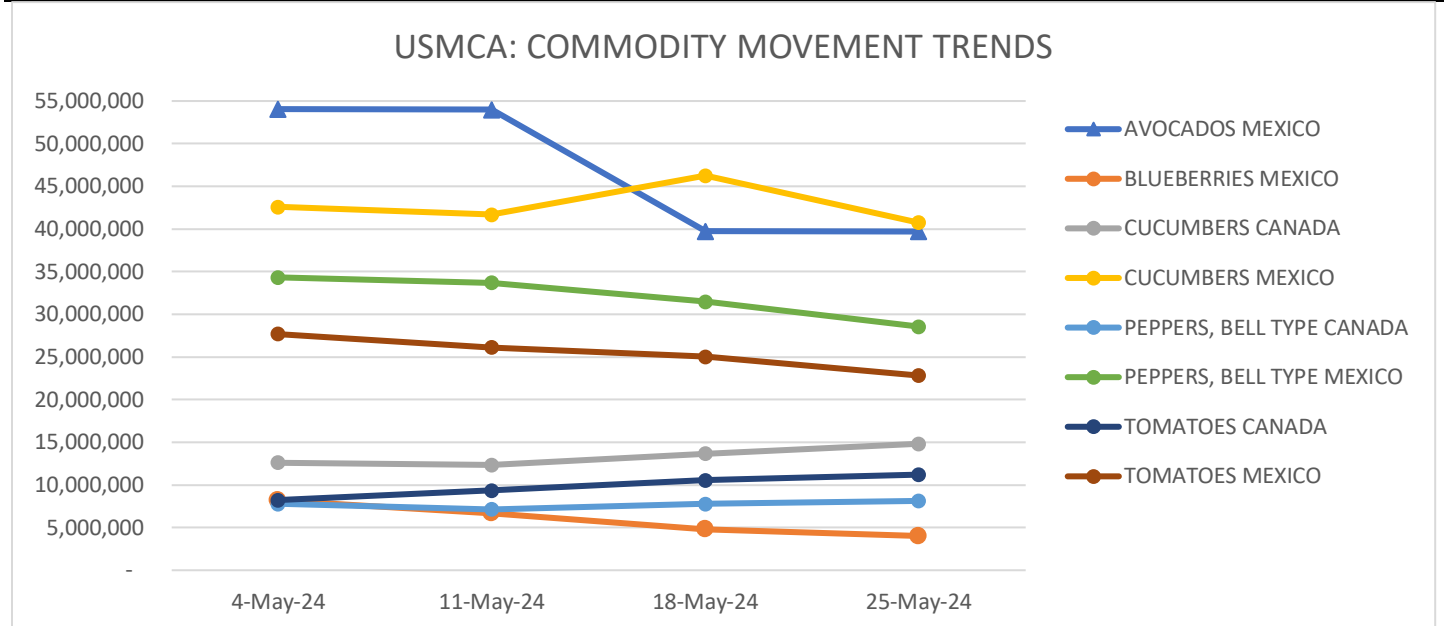
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	5/4/2024	5/11/2024	5/18/2024	5/25/2024
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 44.75	\$ 43.40	\$ 42.85	\$ 40.17
Blueberries	flats 12 1-pint cups with lids	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 13.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 11.84	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.83	\$ 12.75
Peppers, Bell Type	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 13.05	\$ 11.05	\$ 9.95	
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 23.20	\$ 19.70	\$ 16.22	\$ 11.50

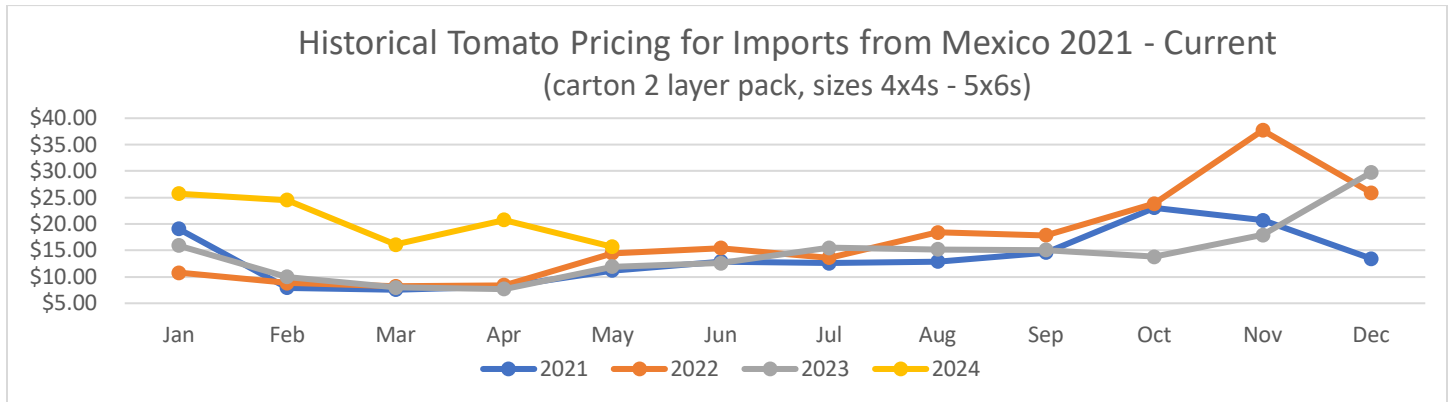


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	4-May-24	11-May-24	18-May-24	25-May-24
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	54,053,296	53,977,328	39,733,972	39,701,187
BLUEBERRIES	MEXICO	8,173,937	6,687,568	4,819,852	4,017,564
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	12,616,012	12,346,135	13,648,137	14,826,944
	MEXICO	42,597,909	41,697,540	46,259,455	40,735,226
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	7,782,829	7,126,589	7,788,008	8,127,829
	MEXICO	34,329,282	33,679,515	31,475,430	28,561,072
TOMATOES	CANADA	8,229,944	9,338,053	10,537,968	11,208,964
	MEXICO	27,674,778	26,102,592	25,016,169	22,820,926



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 remaining Seasonal and Perishable commodities listed below please visit:

- Movement <https://www.marketnews.usda.gov/mnp/fv-home>
- Prices [Home | MMN \(usda.gov\)](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