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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.

President Biden issues construction and expansion permits for three South Texas bridges connected to Mexico. Border Report, by Sandra Sanchez on June 6, 2024, reported that the bridge projects will facilitate the movement of goods and strengthen United States-Mexico supply chains with expectation to lower prices for American consumers. The World Trade bridge in Laredo, Texas is considered the number one port of entry for goods along the U.S. Mexico border, connected to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. The expansion will provide 10 lanes dedicated to commercial truck traffic easing congestion and reducing wait times. Puerto Verde Global Trade Bridge in Eagle Pass, Texas will be the third vehicular bridge connected to Piedras Negras, Mexico and the new Flor de Mayor Bridge in Brownsville, Texas will add a fourth vehicular bridge connected to Matamoros, Mexico.

Agricultural Weather Highlights, provided by Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB June 13, 2024: In the West, mostly sunny weather promoted fieldwork and crop development, although irrigation demands increased as topsoil experiences seasonal drying. In the South, torrential rain ended across southern Florida, although flash flood concerns linger. On June 12, Fort Lauderdale received 9.54 inches of rain, Pembroke Pines received 7.92, and Pompano Beach received 6.4 inches of rain. Elsewhere in the South, heat and dry conditions favor a rapid pace of fieldwork and crop growth.

Avocados shippers of fruit from Mexico crossings through Texas, continue the struggle to find buyers for high priced fruit. Most of the inventory is utilized to fill previous commitments, leaving little available for spot market sales. Available fruit has a higher oil content, causing the fruit to have a shorter shelf life. Shippers look toward flora loca, the new crop, to help increase inventories. Movement of Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease slightly. Trading early was moderate, late is slow at higher prices. Prices are higher. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-36s are mostly 55.25-57.25, 40-48s are mostly 54.25- 57.25, 60s are mostly 50.25-52.25, 70s are mostly 35.28-38.25, 84s are mostly 32.25-34.25; organic 48s are mostly 57.25-58.25, 60s are mostly 55.25- 57.25, 70s are mostly 44.25-47.25. Extra services are included. Sales represent few spot market sales. There is a wide range in price. Movement of South District, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices of 84s and Organic 60-70s is generally unchanged, others are higher. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-48s are mostly 52.25-56.25, 60s are mostly 46.25-50.25, 70s are mostly 42.25-44.25, 84s are mostly 30.25-32.25; organic 48s are mostly 58.25-60.25, 60s are mostly 54.25-57.25, 70s are mostly 44.25. Extra services are included. There is a wide range in price.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finished for the season. Supplies are in too few hands to establish a market as most shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality is variable. Lighter crossings are expected to continue through the week of June 15. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium are mostly 16.95, fair quality are mostly 12.95-14.95, ordinary quality are mostly 9.95-10.95. Quality and condition are 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 generally good. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of June 16. Movement from South Georgia is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are 12.00-14.00, large are 6.00, cartons 24s with fair quality are 4.00-6.00. Movement from Eastern North Carolina is expected to

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increase with the first F.O.B. report expected to be issued by June 14. Supplies from Central and South Florida are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market.

Green Bell Pepper movement from Imperial and Coachella Valleys, California is expected to increase seasonally. Supplies are very light and in few hands. Trading is very active, although 1 1/9-bushel cartons of Green are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Quality is generally good. Movement from South Georgia is expected about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo are 28.00, large are 26.00-28.00, extra-large fair quality are 24.00. Quality is generally good.

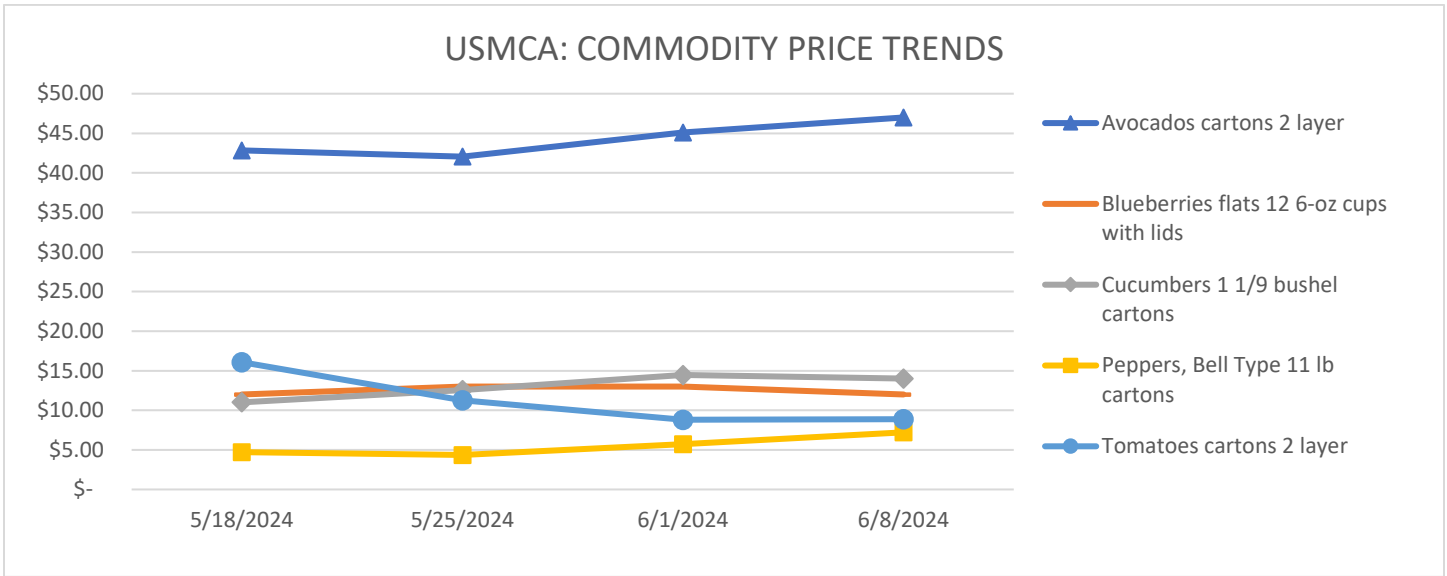
Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early was slow, late is moderate. Prices of loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are slightly lower, 2-layer 4x5s are generally unchanged, others are higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4s supplies are in too few hands to establish a market, 4x5s are mostly 8.95-10.95, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 7.95-8.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-5x6 sizes are mostly 8.95- 9.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is slow. Prices of 4x4-4x5s are slightly lower, others are generally unchanged. Cartons 25-pound cartons loose Vine Ripes 5x5-5x6 sizes are 8.30-9.00; 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4s are 7.37-7.95, 4x5s are 7.39-7.95, 5x5s are mostly 7.13-7.95, 5x6s are 6.64-6.95. Quality is variable. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase. Trading early was fairly slow, late is moderate. Prices 4x4-4x5s are slightly higher, 5x5-5x6s are lower. Cartons 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4-4x5s are mostly 9.00-10.00, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 8.00- 9.00. Quality generally good. Movement from Florida West and South Carolina District is expected to increase. Trading 6x6 size is active, others are fairly active. Prices of 6x6 size are generally unchanged, while others are lower. Extra services are included. 25-pound cartons loose 5x6 size are 10.00-12.00, 6x6 size are mostly 12.00, 6x7 size are mostly 10.00-12.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Central District, California is expected to increase seasonally. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Light harvest is expected to increase the week of June 9. Quality is generally good. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued the week of June 23. Harvest of Southeastern Arkansas began and is expected to increase seasonally. Sufficient volume and number of shippers required to issue the first F.O.B. report for the season is expected by June.

Blueberry movement from South and Central District, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading of organic is moderate, conventional is slow. Prices of organic 1-pint cups are much higher, conventional 6-ounce cups are lower, others are generally unchanged. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids are mostly 16.00-18.00, 12 6-ounce cups with lids are mostly 10.00-12.00. Cartons 8 18-ounce containers with lids are 18.00-22.00. Organic flats 12 1-pint cups with lids are mostly 29.00-32.00, 6-ounce cups with lids are mostly 18.00-20.00. Quality is generally good. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas expected to decrease seasonally. Price of flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids are mostly 10.00-14.00. Quality is variable. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Eastern North Carolina is expected about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are higher. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 14.00-16.00. Movement from South Georgia is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are unchanged. Flats 12/1-pt cups with lids large are mostly 12.00-14.00; organic flats 12/1-pt cups with lids large are 26.00-28.00. Movement of Peru imports mostly via boat through ports of entry Miami, Philadelphia and New York areas is expected to decrease seasonally as remaining supplies are in too few hands to establish a market.

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

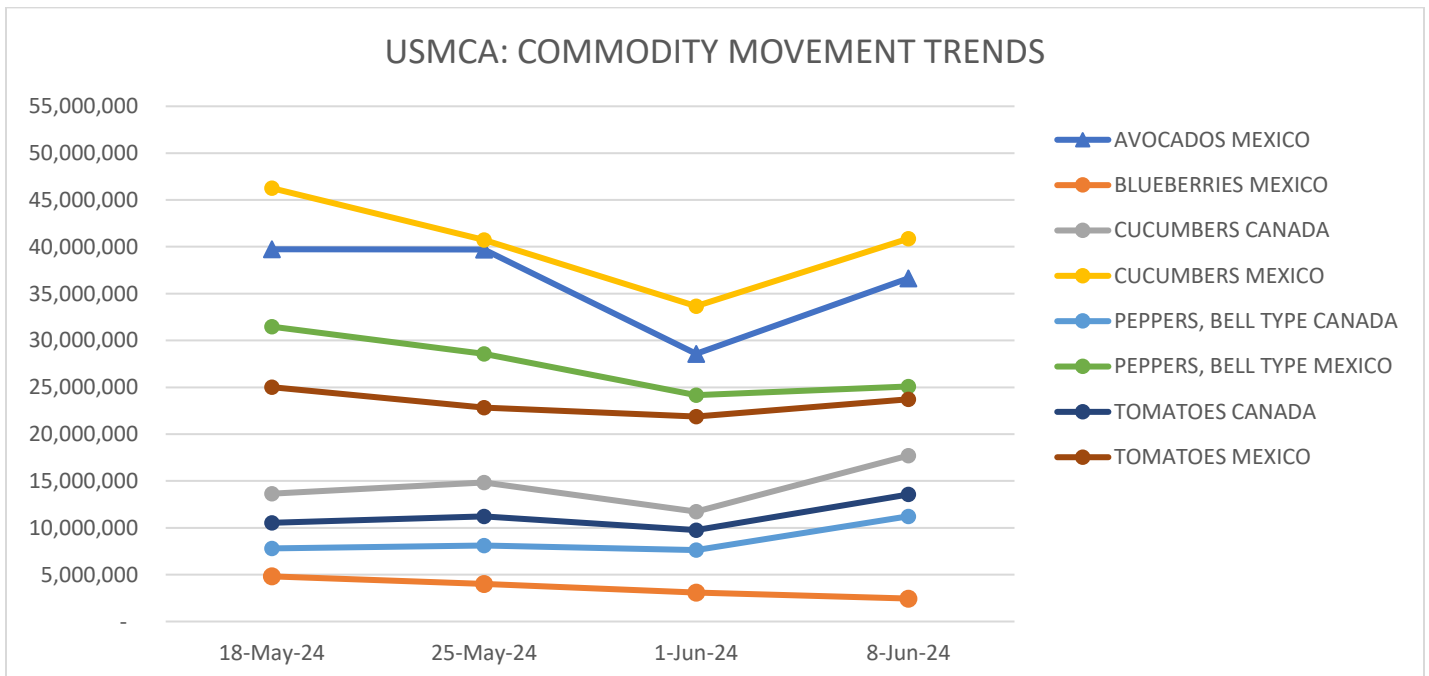
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

commodity	package	5/18/2024	5/25/2024	6/1/2024	6/8/2024
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 42.85	\$ 42.05	\$ 45.10	\$ 47.00
Blueberries	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 11.01	\$ 12.58	\$ 14.46	\$ 14.00
Peppers, Bell Type	11 lb. cartons	\$ 4.71	\$ 4.36	\$ 5.71	\$ 7.21
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 16.08	\$ 11.27	\$ 8.81	\$ 8.89

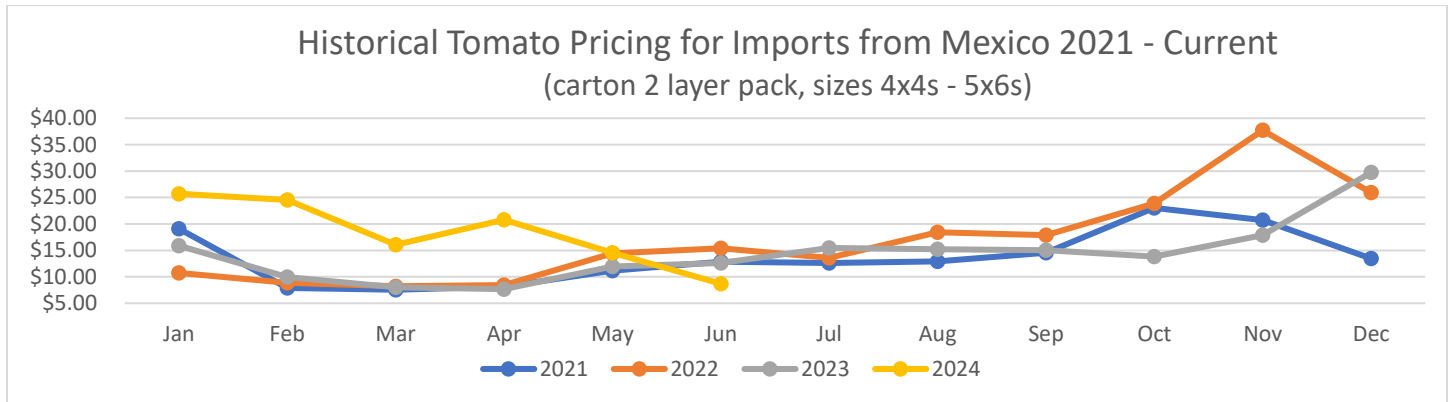


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	18-May-24	25-May-24	1-Jun-24	8-Jun-24
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	39,733,972	39,701,187	28,578,533	36,643,823
BLUEBERRIES	MEXICO	4,819,852	4,017,564	3,083,626	2,452,041
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	13,648,137	14,826,944	11,733,450	17,705,978
	MEXICO	46,259,455	40,735,226	33,666,479	40,886,837
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	7,788,008	8,127,829	7,625,874	11,232,648
	MEXICO	31,475,430	28,561,072	24,164,27	25,092,110
TOMATOES	CANADA	10,537,968	11,208,964	9,759,116	13,560,622
	MEXICO	25,016,169	22,820,926	21,880,675	23,726,008



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