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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.

Corpus Christi, Texas receives funding for a desalination plant. In a report by Sandra Sanchez, BorderReport July 24, 2024, the State Water Implementation Fund through the Texas Water Development Board approved \$535 million in financing for Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant. The approved funding addresses concerns from several South Texas communities who are concerned about future drinking water and agricultural water supplies; Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley are threatened by water shortages, Laredo could run out of water by 2044, and Hidalgo County, located along the U.S. Mexico border, declared a disaster due to drought, lack of rain, and lack of water payments from Mexico. The plant will ensure families and businesses have a reliable and sustainable water supply for multiple generations, by converting sea and brackish water into reusable water. The desalination plant is expected to be fully operational by 2028. Currently, the city supplies water to about a half a million people and relies on surface water, and one treat plant that treats over 25 billion gallons of water each year.

Agricultural Weather Highlights, provided by Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB August 1, 2024: In the west, mostly dry weather accompanies slowly building heat, with poor air quality also remaining a concern in the vicinity of active wildfires. The Park Fire near Chico, California has grown to more than 385,000 acres, and is currently the fourth-largest wildfire in state history. The Midwest experienced some localized wind and hail damage midweek, along with some beneficial rainfall. Spotty showers occurred midweek across the southern Atlantic states while hot humid weather prevailed inland and across the lower Mississippi valley.

Avocado movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same as harvest of new crop was curtailed by rain and is not ready to export as crop progress is slow in reaching dry matter content. Old crop supplies cleaned quickly, creating a shortage in supplies and increased prices. Trading organic 60-70s are very active at lower prices, others are very active. Prices of organic 60-70s are lower, others are higher. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-48s are mostly 52.25-54.25, 60s are mostly 52.25-54.25, 70s are mostly 44.25-46.25, and 84s are mostly 35.25-37.25; organic 48s are mostly 64.25-66.25, 60s are mostly 62.25-64.25, and 70s are mostly 54.25-56.25. Extra services are included. There continues to be a wide range in price. Movement from South District California is expected to remain about the same. Trading organic 48-60s and conventional 84s are very active at lower prices, others are very active. Prices of organic 48-60s and conventional 84s are lower, conventional 60-70s are higher, others are generally unchanged. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-60s are mostly 50.25-52.25, 70s are mostly 46.25-48.25, and 84s are mostly 38.25-41.25; organic 48s are mostly 68.25-70.25, 60s are mostly 65.25-68.25, and 70s are mostly 57.25-60.25. Extra services are included. There continues to be a wide range in price. Movement from South Florida District is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. 2-layer cartons, mostly Donnie, Simmonds, some Nadir and Dupuis, few Pollock varieties. Cartons 14s are mostly 30.00, 16-24s are mostly 28.00-30.00. Peru imports through Philadelphia and New York City ports of entry are expected to continue, although supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. The first F.O.B. report expected to be issued by August 16.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was slow, late is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 11.00-13.00, large are mostly 10.00-11.00, fair quality are mostly 8.00-10.00, ordinary quality are mostly 6.00-7.00. Cartons 36s are mostly 6.00-8.00. Quality is variable. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading early was moderate, late is fairly slow.

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Prices of large are lower, medium are slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 16.95-17.95, fair quality are mostly 10.95-12.95, ordinary quality are 6.95-7.95, large are mostly 13.95-16.95. Quality and condition are variable. Movement from Western and Central New York are expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium are 20.00-22.00, fair quality are 12.00-14.00. Movement from Michigan is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 20.85, fair quality are mostly 10.85-12.85. Cartons 24s are mostly 10.85-12.85. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is active. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are 20.00-24.00, fair quality are 12.00-14.00. Carton 24s medium-large are mostly 8.00.

Green Bell Pepper movement from San Joaquin Valley, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is active. Prices of large are slightly higher, others are generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are 34.95, large are mostly 32.95, irregular sized fair quality are mostly 28.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Michigan is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is fairly active at lower prices. Prices are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo are mostly 30.00, medium fair quality are 24.00. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected about the same. Trading is active at lower prices. Prices are lower. Green 1 1/9-bushel carton jumbo and extra-large are 24.00-26.00.

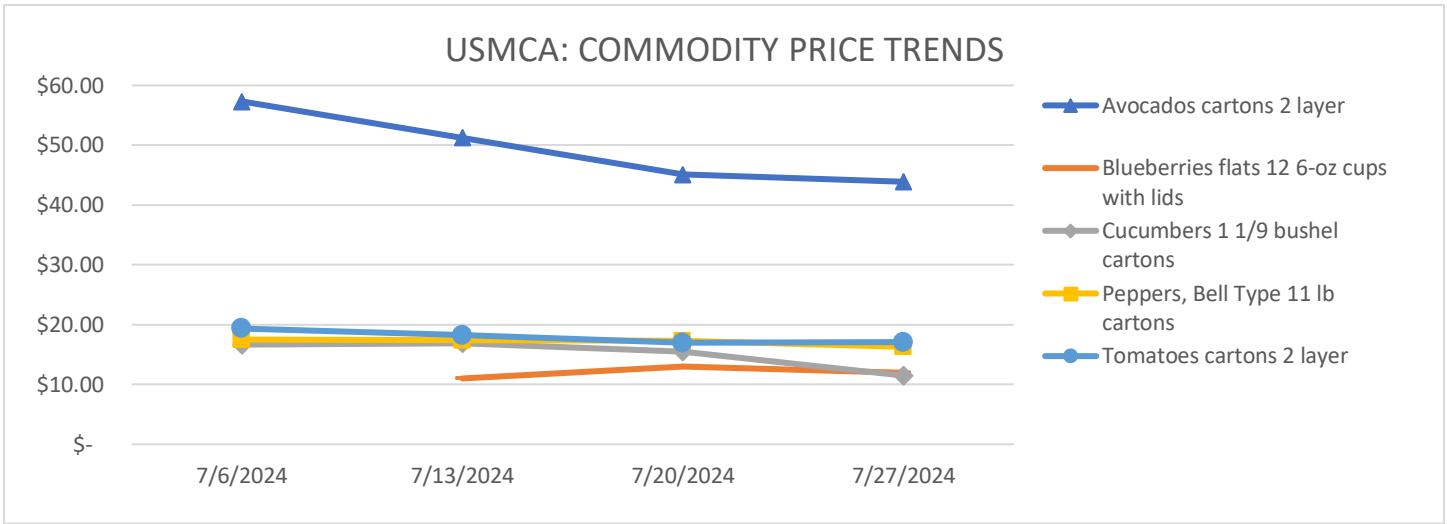
Tomato movement from Central District California is expected to remain about the same. Trading is active. Prices are higher. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens extra-large are 15.00-16.95, large are 14.00-15.00, medium are mostly 11.00 -12.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Eastern Tennessee and the Virginia Eastern Shore is expected to increase. Extra services are included. 25 pounds carton loose 85 percent U.S. One or Better 5x6s and 6x6s are 20.95-21.00, 6x7s are 15.95-17.00. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 18.95-20.95, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 16.95-18.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 19.95 -20.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 17.95-18.95. Quality generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly higher. Cartons 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4s are mostly 16.00-17.00, 4x5s are 16.00-17.00, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 15.00-16.00. Quality is generally good. Movements from Alabama is expected to increase. Trading is active. Prices of Vine Ripes are higher, Mature Greens are lower. Extra services are included. 25 pounds carton loose 85 percent U.S. One or better Mature Greens 5x6 and 6x6 sizes are 19.00-20.00. 25 pounds carton Vine Ripes extra-large and large are 18.00-19.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected to increase. Trading is active. Tomatoes Vine Ripe 25-pound cartons are 16.00-18.95.

Blueberries movement from Oregon and Washington is expected about the same. Trading of flats 12 1-pint cups and cartons 8 18- oz containers with lids medium-large are fairly active at lower prices, others are fairly active. Prices flats 12 1-pint cups and cartons 8 18-oz containers with lids medium-large are lower, others are generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-oz cups with lids medium-large are mostly 11.00-13.00, flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 15.00-17.00, cartons 8 18-oz containers with lids medium-large are mostly 16.00-18.00; organic flats 6-oz cups with lids medium-large are mostly 15.00-17.00, 12 1-pint are mostly 24.00-26.00. Quality is good. Movement from British Columbia Canada crossings through Northwest Washington is expected to decrease significantly as rain halted harvest activities July 28-30. Harvest resumed July 31, with shippers expecting improved demand heading into next week. Trading remained moderate. Prices are lower. Canada One flats 12 6-oz cups with lids medium-large are 10.00-12.00, flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 13.00-15.00. Movement from Michigan is expected to remain the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are unchanged. Flats 12/1 -pt cups with lids large are mostly 18.00-20.00.

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

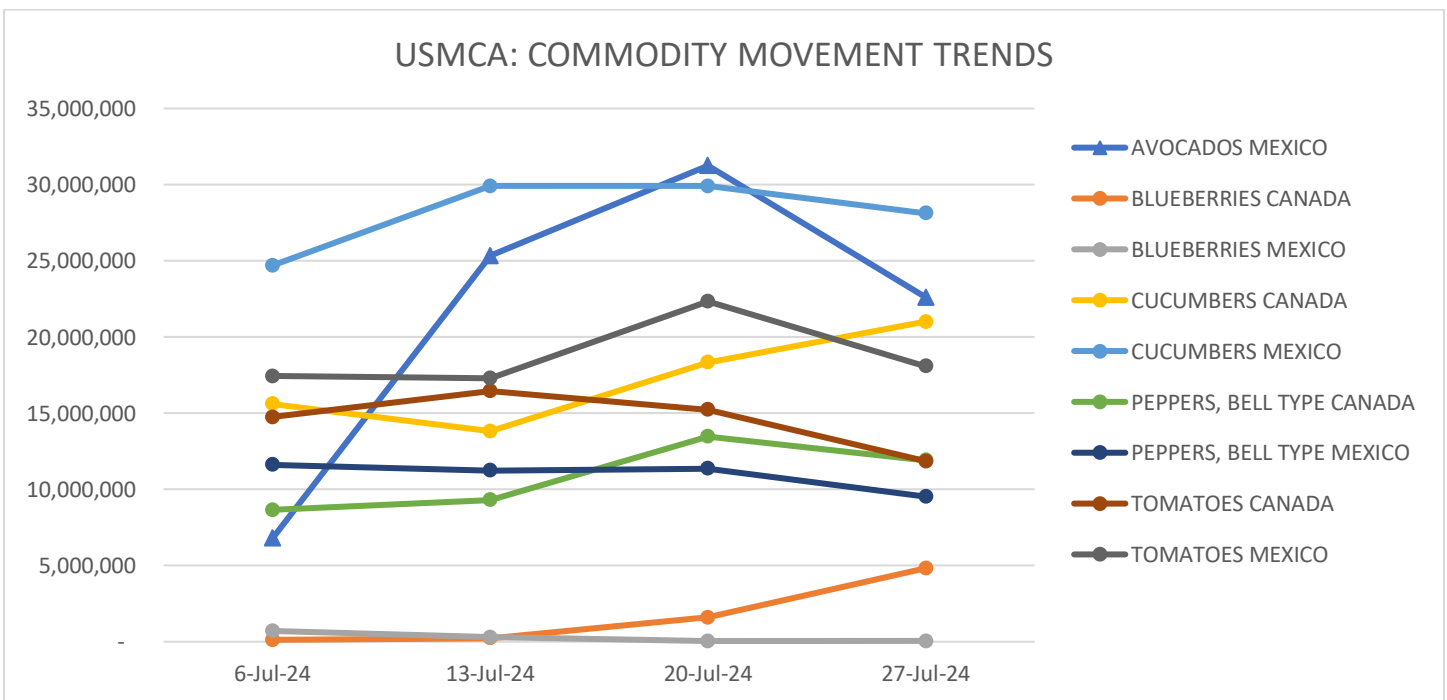
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

commodity	package	7/6/2024	7/13/2024	7/20/2024	7/27/2024
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 57.32	\$ 51.25	\$ 45.11	\$ 43.89
Blueberries	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids		\$ 11.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 16.68	\$ 16.88	\$ 15.53	\$ 11.48
Peppers, Bell Type	11 lb. cartons	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.36	\$ 17.29	\$ 16.29
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 19.35	\$ 18.23	\$ 16.98	\$ 17.04

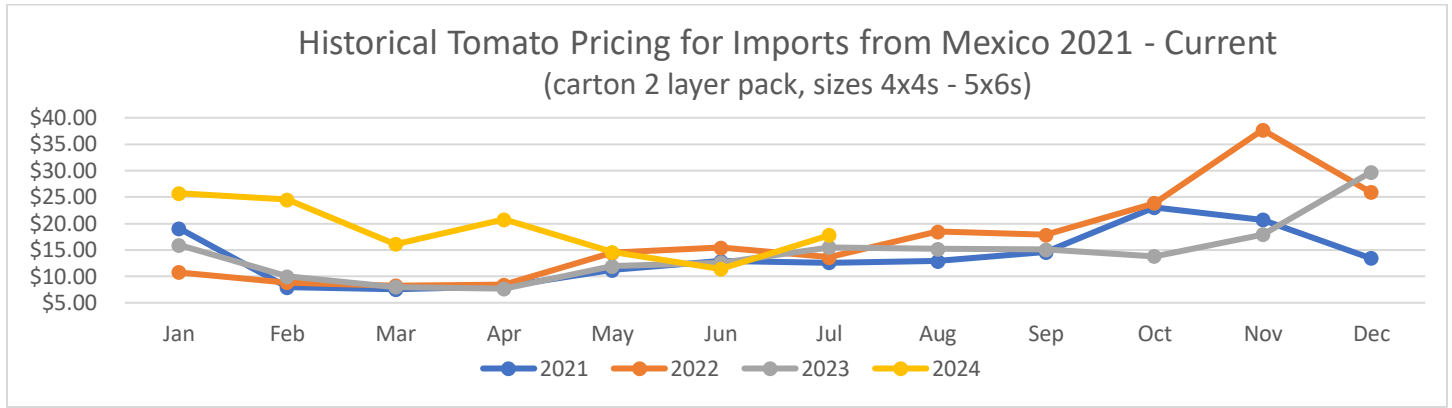


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	6-Jul-24	13-Jul-24	20-Jul-24	27-Jul-24
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	6,787,449	25,326,886	31,243,173	22,589,383
BLUEBERRIES	CANADA	121,808	233,030	1,592,468	4,819,869
	MEXICO	704,674	300,554	42,563	49,794
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	15,601,386	13,818,737	18,330,805	21,013,059
	MEXICO	24,695,759	29,899,111	29,917,631	28,123,791
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	8,656,595	9,298,818	13,460,328	11,915,017
	MEXICO	11,603,980	11,236,868	11,368,189	9,523,162
TOMATOES	CANADA	14,739,156	16,447,904	15,221,896	11,853,335
	MEXICO	17,432,654	17,289,740	22,330,614	18,079,840



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>
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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