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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.

There is a shortage of Canadian greenhouse bell peppers: From a press release published in FreshPlaza.com, August 8, 2024, supplies of Canadian greenhouse bell peppers, compared to 2023 season, are short due to fusarium causing loss of plants. However, fill rates are met with supplies from British Columbia, Leamington, Ontario and good supplies from the Netherlands and California. The Canadian season started on time with ample supplies, however the season will end early, due to the disease, toward the end of October to early November. Typically, the season ends in late November.

Agricultural Weather Highlights, provided by Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB August 8, 2024: In the South, Tropical Storm Debby drifted inland around 2 am EDT, about 20 miles northeast of Charleston, South Carolina. The threat of heavy rain and flash flooding is shifted inland and farther north. Other areas of the South are experiencing hot, humid weather, with today's high temperatures expected to top 100°F in much of the western Gulf Coast region. In the West, Southwestern monsoon showers are limited to the Four Corners States. Hot, dry weather covers much of the remaining Southwest as the Park Fire, near Chico, California, burned more than 420,000 acres of vegetation. Smoky, hazy conditions covered parts of the Northwest. On the Plains, cool air has pushed into northern Oklahoma, producing thunderstorms and beneficial rainfall on the central Plains. However, extreme heat persists across much of the southern Plains, where maximum temperatures ranged from 100 to 110°F. In the Corn Belt, scattered showers and thunderstorms extended southwestward from the upper Great Lakes region, with Midwestern high temperatures ranging from near 65°F in the Red River Valley of the North to 90°F or higher in parts of the Ohio Valley.

Avocado movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is very active. Prices are higher. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-40s are mostly 70.25-72.25, 48s are mostly 70.25-71.25, 60s are mostly 67.25-70.25, 70s are mostly 55.25-60.25, and 84s are mostly 44.25-46.25; organic 48s are mostly 75.25-78.25, 60s are mostly 67.25-70.25, and 70s are mostly 62.25-66.25. Extra services are included. There is a wide range in price. Movement from South Florida District is expected to increase. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. 2-layer cartons, mostly Donnie, Simmonds, with some Nadir and Dupuis varieties and few Pollock varieties 16- 24s are mostly 28.00-30.00. Movement from South District California is expected to remain about the same. Trading is very active. Prices are higher. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-48s are mostly 75.25-78.25, 60s are mostly 70.25-72.25, 70s are mostly 64.25-66.25, 84s are mostly 46.25-48.25; organic 48s are mostly 78.25-80.25, 60s are mostly 70.25-72.25, 70s are mostly 66.25-68.25. Extra services are included. There is a wide range in price.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is moderate. Prices of large and 36s are slightly higher, others are generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 11.00-13.00, large are mostly 10.00-12.00, fair quality are mostly 8.00-10.00, ordinary quality are mostly 6.00-7.00. Cartons 36s are mostly 7.00-8.00. Quality is variable. Some sales are shipped open with price to be established

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later. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Trading early was fairly slow, late is moderate. Prices of medium are lower, large are higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 14.95-15.95, fair quality are mostly 8.95-10.95, ordinary quality are 6.95-7.95, large are mostly 14.95-17.95. Quality and condition are variable. Movement from Western and Central New York is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons/crates medium are 18.00-20.00, fair quality are 8.00-10.00. Movement from Michigan is expected to remain the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 16.85-18.85, fair quality are mostly 9.85. Cartons 24s are mostly 6.85. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected to increase. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are 16.00-18.00, fair quality are 10.00-12.00.

Green Bell Pepper movement from San Joaquin Valley, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is fairly slow. Prices are much lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are mostly 27.95-28.95, large are mostly 24.95-26.95, irregular sized fair quality are mostly 21.95-22.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Michigan is expected to remain the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo are 20.00-22.00, medium fair quality are 16.00. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected to remain the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. Green 1 1/9-bushel carton jumbo and extra-large are 18.00-20.00, extra-large-large fair quality are 16.00.

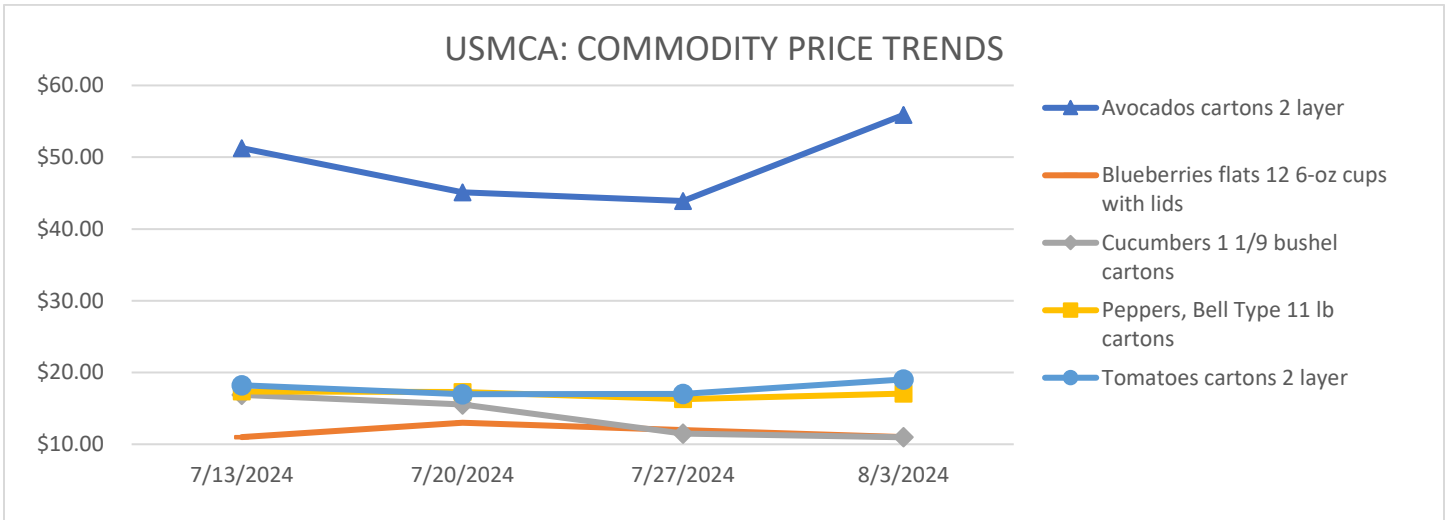
Tomato movement from Central District California is expected about the same. Supplies are very light. Trading early was active, late is very active. Prices are much higher. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens extra-large and large are mostly 20.95-21.00, medium are mostly 17.95-18.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was moderate, late is fairly active. Prices 4x4-4x5s and 4x4-4x5 sizes are higher, others are much higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 20.95-22.95, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 22.95-24.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 and 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 22.95-24.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to remain about the same. Supplies are in few hands. Trading of 4x4-5x5s are active, 5x6s are moderate. Prices are much higher. Cartons 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4-5x5s are mostly 19.00-21.00, 5x6s are mostly 18.00-20.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected to remain the same. Trading is active. Tomatoes Vine Ripe 25-pound are 19.95-23.00.

Blueberries movement from Oregon and Washington is expected about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices of 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 14.00-16.00, 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 about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. 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 lower. Flats 12/1-pt cups with lids large are mostly 16.00.

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

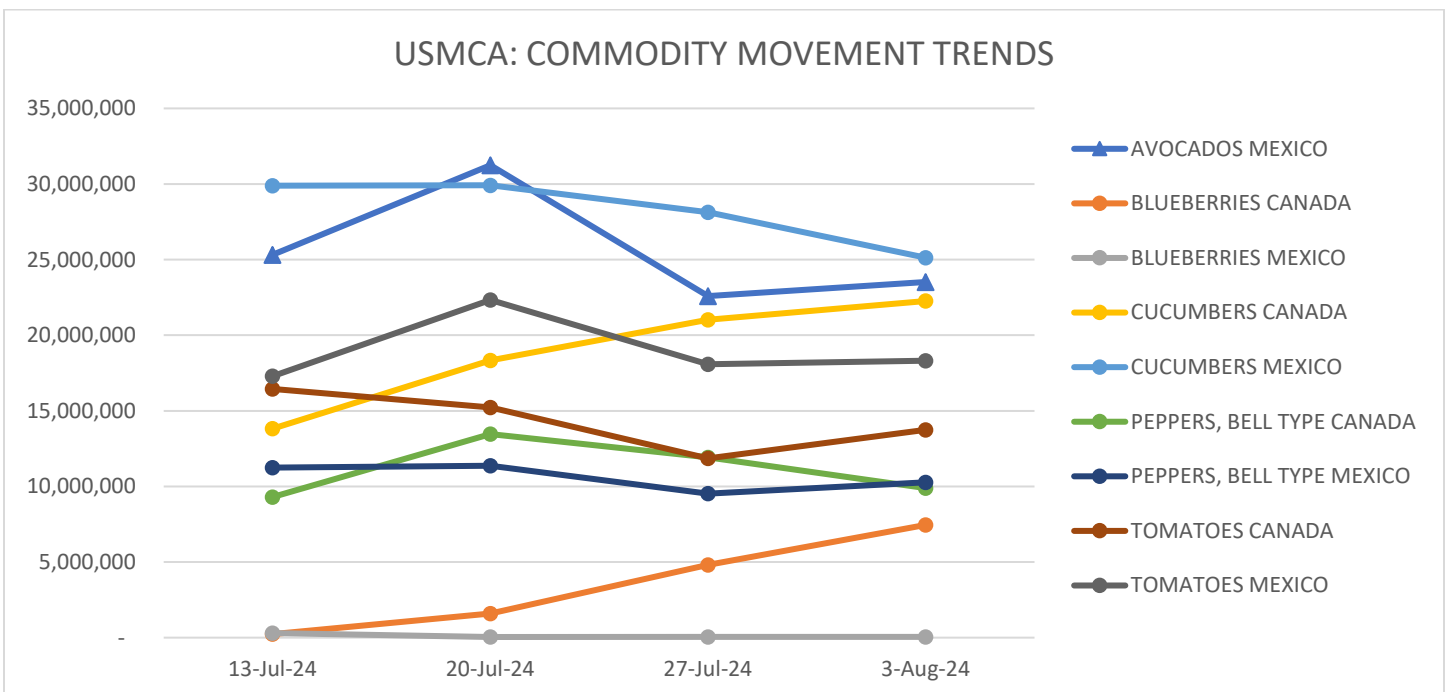
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

commodity	package	7/13/2024	7/20/2024	7/27/2024	8/3/2024
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 51.25	\$ 45.11	\$ 43.89	\$ 55.89
Blueberries	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 11.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 16.88	\$ 15.53	\$ 11.48	\$ 10.98
Peppers, Bell Type	11 lb. cartons	\$ 17.36	\$ 17.29	\$ 16.29	\$ 17.07
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 18.23	\$ 16.98	\$ 17.04	\$ 19.04

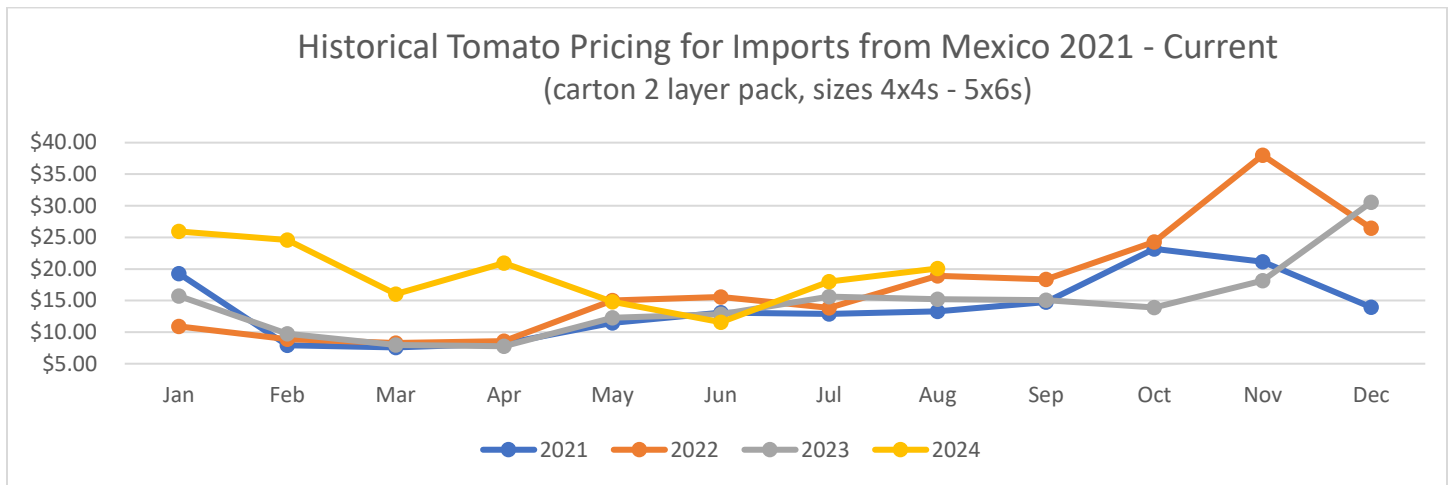


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	13-Jul-24	20-Jul-24	27-Jul-24	3-Aug-24
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	25,326,886	31,243,173	22,589,383	23,528,497
BLUEBERRIES	CANADA	233,030	1,592,468	4,819,869	7,453,399
	MEXICO	300,554	42,563	49,794	47,178
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	13,818,814	18,332,123	21,013,147	22,261,224
	MEXICO	29,899,111	29,917,631	28,123,791	25,128,944
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	9,298,818	13,461,428	11,917,631	9,890,647
	MEXICO	11,236,868	11,368,189	9,523,162	10,275,240
TOMATOES	CANADA	16,447,904	15,221,896	11,853,335	13,743,239
	MEXICO	17,289,740	22,330,614	18,079,840	18,324,545



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 <https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/>

- 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