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### Seasonal Perishable Products Weekly Update

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This report provides trend analysis of the volume and prices of Seasonal Perishable commodities. Volume represents the current week, and prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on products 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.

**Agricultural Weather Outlook**, provided by Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB May 14, 2025: A decaying disturbance over the eastern U.S. could produce an additional 1 to 2 inches of rain later today in the middle Atlantic States, with flash flooding possible in areas saturated by Tuesday's downpours. Meanwhile, an early-season heat wave across the north-central U.S. will break over the next few days, as a storm system marches eastward. However, extreme heat has developed farther south, with summer-like temperatures expected to spread from the southern Plains into the Southeast. In contrast, parts of the northern Plains may experience weekend frost, shortly after approaching or reaching 100°F. Before the chilly weather arrives, drought-easing rainfall could total 2 to 4 inches or more in the Dakotas and environs. Elsewhere, cool, unsettled weather will prevail in the Northwest during the next several days, with weekend rain and snow showers extending as far south as the Great Basin and Intermountain West. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for May 19 – 23 calls for the likelihood of below-normal temperatures across much of the northern half of the U.S., while warmer-than-normal weather will prevail in California, western Nevada, and from the southern Plains to the southern Atlantic Coast. Meanwhile, near- or above-normal precipitation across most of the country should contrast with drier-than-normal conditions across Florida's peninsula and much of the Far West.

**Avocado** movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is slow. Prices of conventional 36s, 70s and 84s are generally unchanged, others are lower. Hass cartons 2 layers 32s are 66.25-68.25, 36s are mostly 65.25- 67.25, 40-48s are mostly 60.25-62.25, 60s are mostly 43.25-45.25, 70s are mostly 42.25-44.25, and 84s are mostly 25.25- 27.25; organic 48s are 80.25-82.25, 60s are 66.25-68.25, and 70s are mostly 50.25. Extra services are included. Movement from South District, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was slow, late is fairly slow. Prices of conventional 40s and 60s are lower, others are generally unchanged. Hass carton 2 layers 32-36s are mostly 68.25-70.25, 40-48s are mostly 64.25- 66.25, 60s are mostly 50.25-52.25, 70s are mostly 42.25-44.25, and 84s are 26.25-28.25; organic 48s are mostly 83.25-85.25, 60s are mostly 70.25-72.25, and 70s are 52.25-54.25. Extra services are included.

**Blueberries** movement from Georgia is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is active at lower prices. Prices are lower. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids, large are mostly 26.00-30.00; organic flats 12 1-pint cups with lids, large are mostly 44.00-46.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is active at lower prices. Prices are generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids, are mostly 18.00-20.00, 1-pint cups are mostly 30.00- 32.00. Organic 1-pint cups are 38.00-42.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Florida is expected to decrease seasonally. Current supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Movement of Chile imports, mostly via boat, through the Philadelphia port of entry is expected to decrease as the season comes to an end. Current supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Movement of Peru imports, mostly via boat, through Miami, Philadelphia and New York area ports of entry is expected to decrease as the season comes to an end. Current supplies are in too few hands to establish a market. Movement from Central and Southern California Coast is expected to increase seasonally. Current supplies are insufficient and, 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 May 18.

**Cucumber** movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices of medium and large are slightly higher, small is slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 15.95-16.95, fair quality are mostly 12.95, ordinary quality are mostly 8.95-9.95; small are mostly 10.95-12.95; large are mostly 14.95-15.95. Cartons 24s are 4.95-6.95, 36s are 7.95-8.95. Quality is variable. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 16.95-18.95, fair quality are mostly 13.95- 14.95, ordinary quality are mostly 8.95-9.95; large are mostly 19.95-20.95. Quality and condition are variable. Many present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Central and South Florida is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was fairly slow, late is moderate. Prices are much lower. Price includes palletizing and precooling. 1

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1/9-bushel cartons waxed medium are mostly 12.00, fair quality are mostly 8.00. Carton 24s are 4.00-5.00. Quality is generally good. Harvest was curtailed due to rain and wet fields Saturday, May 10 through Monday, May 12. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase seasonally as more shippers are fully underway. 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 May 25. Movement from South Georgia is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is moderate. Price includes palletizing and precooling. Prices of 1 1/9-bushel cartons waxed medium are mostly 16.35-18.00, fair quality are mostly 10.00-11.00. Carton 24s are mostly 6.00-6.35. Quality is generally good. Harvest was curtailed due to rain and wet fields Saturday, May 10 through Monday, May 12.

**Green Bell Pepper** movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finished for the season. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are 14.95-16.95, large are 12.95-14.95, medium are 8.95-10.95, irregular size fair quality are 7.95- 9.95. Quality is variable. Movement from Coachella Valley, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are mostly 21.95-23.95, large are mostly 18.95-20.95, irregular sized fair quality are mostly 13.95-14.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Central and South Florida is expected to decrease. Supplies of jumbo and extra-large are fairly light. Trading early was moderate, late is fairly active. Prices are higher. Price includes palletizing and precooling. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo are mostly 20.00-22.00, extra-large are mostly 18.85-20.85, large are mostly 14.00-16.00, fair quality are mostly 14.00-14.85. Quality is generally good. Harvest was curtailed due to rain and wet fields Saturday, May 10 through Monday, May 12. Movement from South Georgia is expected to increase seasonally. Price includes palletizing and precooling. Current supplies are insufficient and, in too few hands, to establish a market. Quality is generally good. Harvest was curtailed due to rain and wet fields Saturday, May 10 through Monday, May 12.

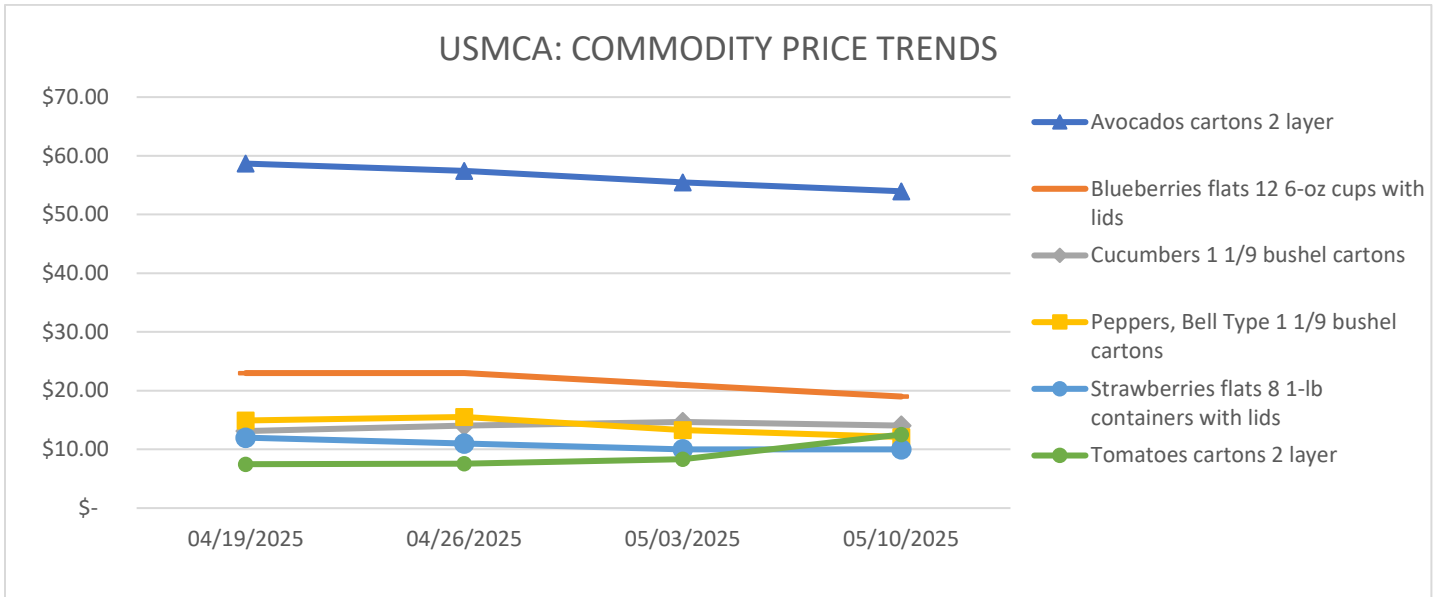
**Strawberry** movement from Santa Maria, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids, medium are mostly 10.00-12.00, organic are 14.00-18.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Salinas-Watsonville, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids, large are mostly 10.00-12.00, organic are mostly 14.00-18.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Oxnard District, California is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids, medium are mostly 10.00-12.00, organic are 14.00-16.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to decrease sharply as most shippers are finished for the season. Current supplies are insufficient and, in too few hands to establish a market. Quality is variable. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Lighter shipments expected to continue through May 24.

**Tomato** movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading of 4x4-4x5s and 4x4-4x5 sizes is fairly active, others are moderate. Prices of 4x4-4x5s are slightly higher, 5x5-5x6s are much higher; 4x4-5x6 sizes are higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 16.95-18.95, 5x5s-5x6s are mostly 12.95-14.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 17.95-19.95, 5x6 sizes are mostly 12.95-14.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease slightly. Trading early was fairly active, late is active. Prices of 4x4-4x5s are higher, 5x5-5x6s are much higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are 14.95-16.95, 5x5s re 10.95-12.95, 5x6s are 11.95-13.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase seasonally as more shippers get fully underway. Current supplies are insufficient and, 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 1. Harvest in Florida West and South Carolina District is expected to start the week of June 1, with the first F.O.B. report expected to be issued by June 13.

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

**Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars**

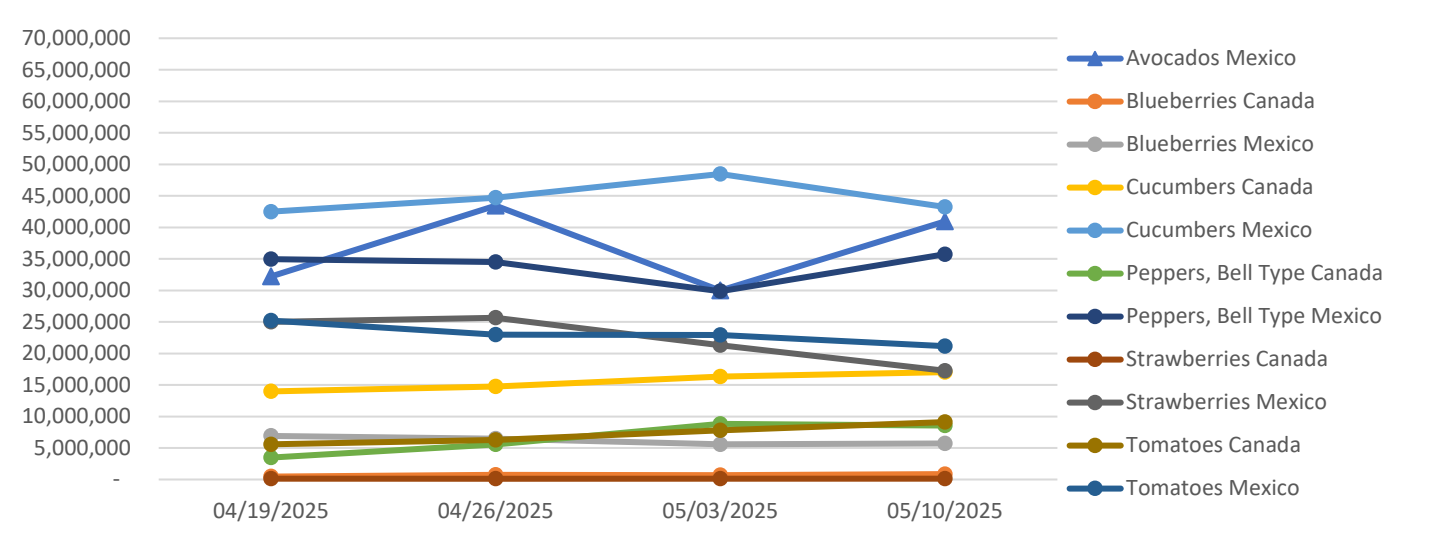
commodity	package	04/19/2025	04/26/2025	05/03/2025	05/10/2025
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 58.68	\$ 57.46	\$ 55.46	\$ 53.96
Blueberries	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 19.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 13.12	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.67	\$ 14.06
Peppers, Bell Type	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 14.95	\$ 15.52	\$ 13.28	\$ 12.12
Strawberries	flats 8 1-lb containers with lids	\$ 12.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 7.48	\$ 7.54	\$ 8.35	\$ 12.53



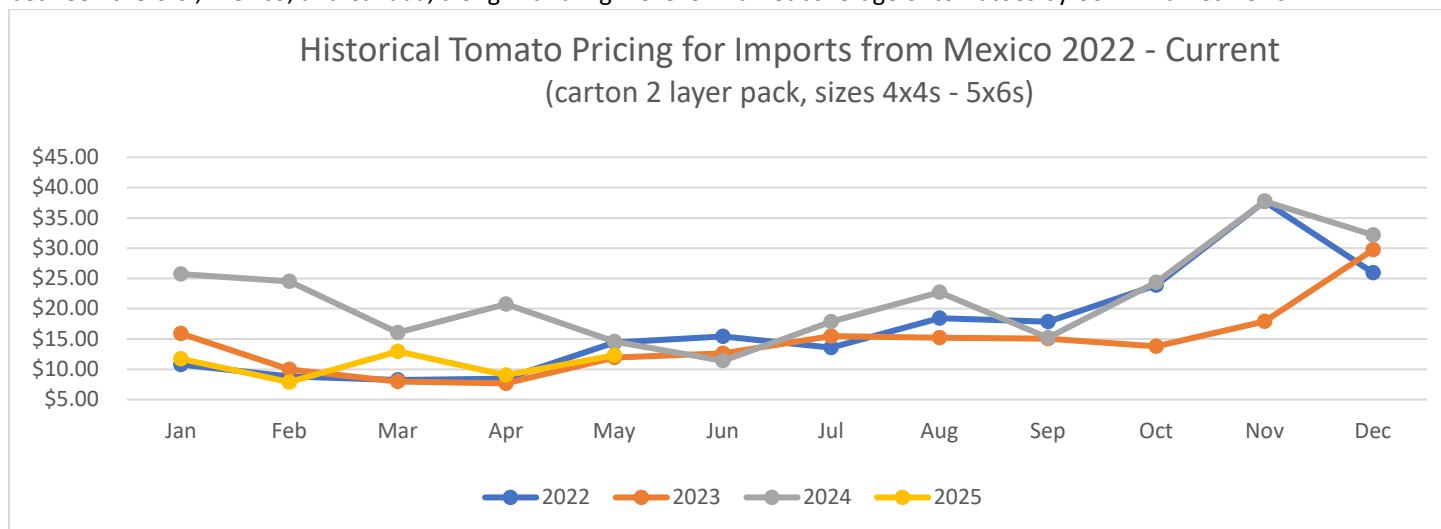
### Four-Week Movement in Pounds

commodity	origin	04/19/2025	04/26/2025	05/03/2025	05/10/2025
Avocados	Mexico	32,226,221	43,438,927	29,972,402	40,928,279
Blueberries	Canada	463,815	732,760	665,146	856,128
	Mexico	6,909,322	6,456,615	5,585,766	5,697,606
Cucumbers	Canada	13,974,010	14,776,040	16,313,508	17,032,147
	Mexico	42,493,432	44,685,988	48,466,441	43,236,028
Peppers, Bell Type	Canada	3,477,789	5,548,779	8,824,983	8,537,291
	Mexico	34,951,725	34,487,081	29,863,256	35,740,069
Strawberries	Canada	116,430	115,745	125,910	120,067
	Mexico	25,021,176	25,650,222	21,307,597	17,253,627
Tomatoes	Canada	5,582,938	6,265,768	7,797,616	9,110,732
	Mexico	25,205,829	22,968,320	22,906,670	21,153,275

### USMCA: COMMODITY MOVEMENT TRENDS



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://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/general-resources/Specialty-Crops>
- Prices <https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/general-resources/Specialty-Crops>

- 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 fruits: 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