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## Update for Week of July 24 - 30, 2022

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.

West coast importers breathed a sigh of relief early this week as the cargo began to flow through the Port of Oakland after a weeklong blockade by independent truckers came to an end. Officials expect the unloading backlog to take several weeks to clear, while protests continue in a newly designated "free speech zone" which allows views to be expressed without blocking traffic. Although the supply chain as a whole has seen marked input from the early days of the pandemic, any disruption, such as this port shutdown, is a stark reminder of the fragility of the system as a whole. One estimate by port officials put a \$56.6 billion price tag on economic losses from these demonstrations, with businesses across the country as well as the local government taking a hit.

Movement of Mexican asparagus crossing through Arizona, California and Texas expected to remain about the same. Supplies remain seasonally light with most trading being conducted between shippers and few spot market sales, though trading is active at higher prices. Peruvian imports of asparagus through South Florida ports of entry expected to remain about the same. Supplies moderate on standard and small sizes, remaining light on others. Trading moderate with prices higher to much higher depending on size. Demand moderate with little spot market trading. Cooler weather in Peru is causing lower production levels with the transition to southern growing areas expected within the next 4 weeks. Chain buyers reportedly cautious with orders due to inflation, but prices are expected to remain firm until after Labor Day when more product will be available from competing growing areas.

Avocado crossings from Mexico through Texas expected to increase. Trading remains slow with prices 32s-36s lower and others generally unchanged. Mexican fruit is low in oil and reportedly there is the possibility of inconsistent ripening at this point in the growing season, which is being reflected in lower prices than domestic product. Peruvian imports of avocados through Philadelphia and New York City ports of entry movement expected to remain about the same. Trading remains moderate with prices generally unchanged. Similar to Mexican product, Peruvian imports are also young in maturity and somewhat less flavorful as a result. Movement of avocados from Southern California District is expected to decrease for the 2021 crop season. The 2022 crop season is expected to increase seasonally. Overall supplies remain strong for now, and trading remains fairly slow. Prices on small sizes lower and others generally unchanged.

Cucumber crossings from Mexico through Otay Mesa California movement expected about the same. Trading 36s moderate, others fairly slow. Prices 36s slightly higher and others slightly lower. Quality is being reported as generally good. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected about the same. Early trading moderate improving to fairly active later with prices slightly higher. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or

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previous commitments. Quality is reported as variable. Movement of cucumbers out of Michigan expected to increase as more growers start harvesting. Trading reported fairly slow with prices unchanged. Cucumber movement out of Western North Carolina is expected about the same. Currently, no F.O.B. price report is being issued.

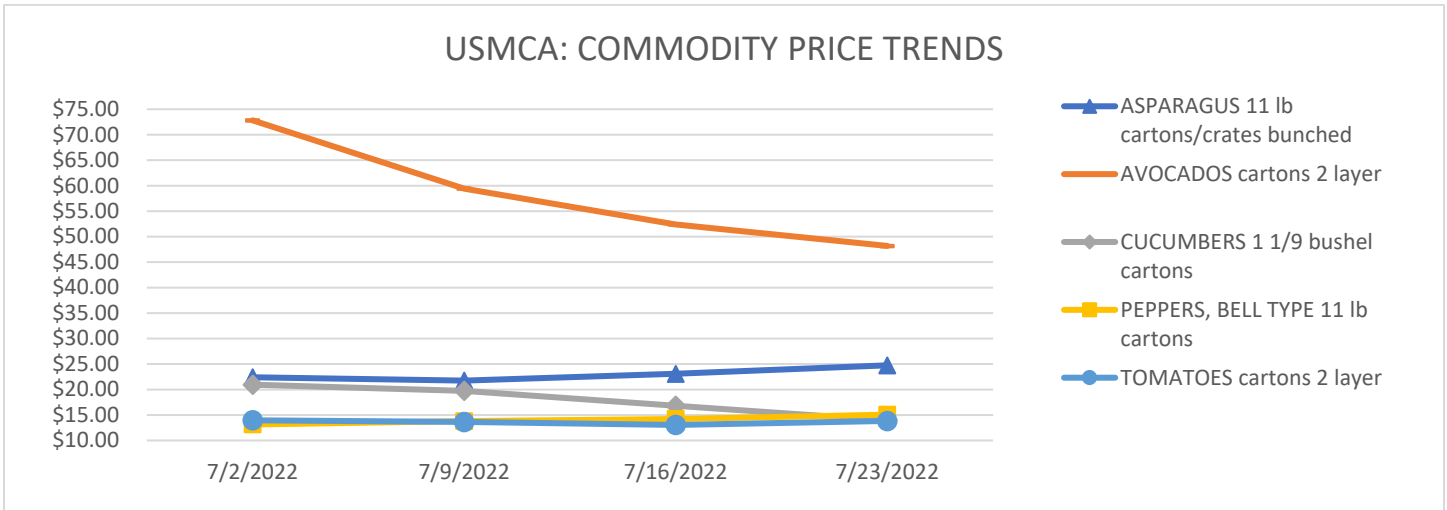
Movement of green bell peppers out of San Joaquin Valley California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading remains active with prices generally unchanged. Demand remains good and quality is reported as generally good. Green bell pepper movement out of Eastern North Carolina is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading remains moderate at lower prices. Western North Carolina movement of green bell peppers is expected to remain about the same. The first F.O.B. report has been issued.

Tomato movement from Mexico through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Early trading moderate improving to fairly active later. Prices on cartons loose much higher and two-layer slightly higher. Quality is being reported as generally good. Central District California movement of tomatoes is expected about the same. Trading active, with prices on medium higher and others slightly higher though most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes out of Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore expected to decrease as harvests have been curtailed due to rain and wet fields. Supplies light with demand moderate to good. Trading active prices generally unchanged. Quality is being reported as generally good. Tomato movement out of Alabama is expected to remain about the same. Some harvest curtailed due to rain and wet fields. Trading remains active with prices generally unchanged. Demand moderate to good as some growers are getting a late start due to the wet conditions. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected about the same. Trading remains active with prices on 4x4-4x5s slightly higher, others generally unchanged. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Quality generally good. Tomato movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to increase seasonally. The first F.O.B. price report has been issued, with trading reported as moderate.

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

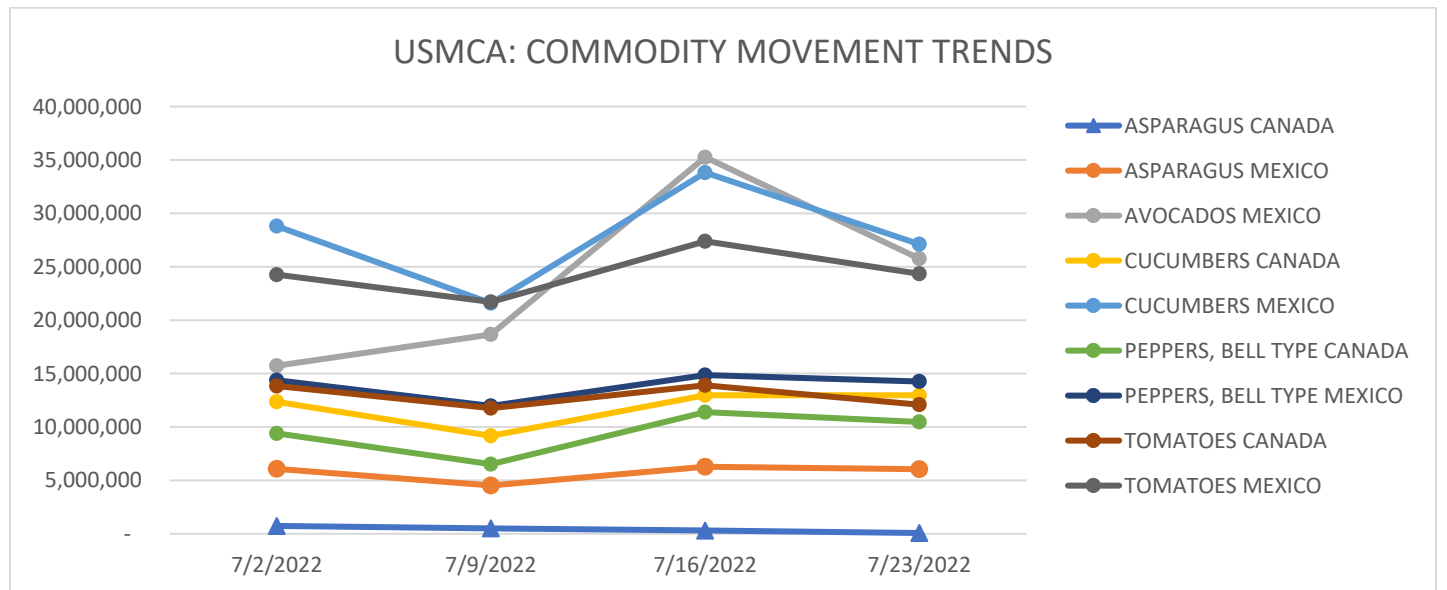
#### Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	7/2/2022	7/9/2022	7/16/2022	7/23/2022
ASPARAGUS	11 lb cartons/crates bunched	\$ 22.42	\$ 21.75	\$ 23.08	\$ 24.75
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 72.82	\$ 59.43	\$ 52.39	\$ 48.18
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 20.95	\$ 19.75	\$ 16.83	\$ 13.95
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb cartons	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.79	\$ 14.21	\$ 15.07
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 13.96	\$ 13.63	\$ 13.05	\$ 13.82

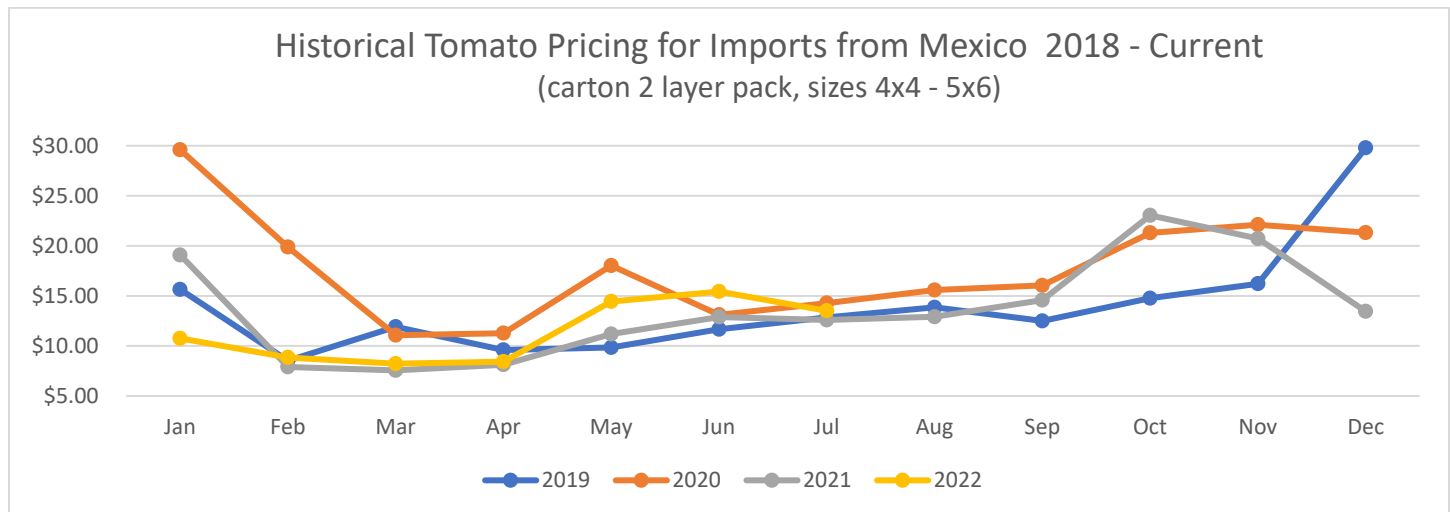


### Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	7/2/2022	7/9/2022	7/16/2022	7/23/2022
ASPARAGUS	CANADA	736,307	513,008	304,393	73,171
	MEXICO	6,084,902	4,526,106	6,276,118	6,055,558
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	15,736,152	18,667,635	35,259,071	25,763,120
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	12,355,593	9,171,436	12,970,239	12,965,391
	MEXICO	28,804,766	21,585,443	33,817,305	27,110,384
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	9,397,879	6,514,933	11,390,082	10,472,714
	MEXICO	14,382,828	11,971,884	14,858,837	14,263,078
TOMATOES	CANADA	13,834,580	11,760,522	13,903,322	12,089,563
	MEXICO	24,263,400	21,705,823	27,384,189	24,340,105



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 imported volume and prices of the remaining Seasonal and Perishable commodities listed below please visit: <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