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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.

Port of Long Beach data project received \$7.875 million to speed goods delivery. In an announcement by the Port of Long Beach on July 15, 2024, the state of California issued the port a grant to help facilitate supply chain information by designing a digital platform to help speed cargo deliveries. The system will allow stakeholders to plan operational decisions prior to cargo arriving, making the delivery of goods more efficient and cost effective. The system will be free to registered users and will help more than 200,000 shippers plan to move cargo. The platform is first-of-its-kind collaborative data system expected to include functions including export and rail cargo visibility, exchange of data between foreign ports, truck appointments, and enhancements targeting operational efficiency and customer service.

Agricultural Weather Outlook, provided by Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB July 18, 2024: Thunderstorms in the South will remain active over the next several days, with the 5-day rainfall expected between 2 to 6 inches from central and eastern Texas to the middle and southern Atlantic states. Dry weather is expected into early next week in middle and upper Mississippi Valley into the Northeast. The Plains may see widely scattered thunderstorms, with drier than normal conditions across the northern High Plains. In the west, intense heat will diminish the chance of thunderstorms, except in the southern Rockies where monsoon circulation will remain active. The Pacific northwest will see below normal temperatures as hotter than normal weather will cover much of the northern and western U.S.

Avocado movement from Mexico crossings through Texas continues to be sluggish for another week. Over the next two weeks the current size will flip-flop, with an increase in supplies of small fruit and decrease in supplies in large sizes. Movement is expected to increase. Trading was slow. Prices are lower. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-36s are mostly 47.25-49.25, 40-48s are mostly 47.25-49.25, 60s are mostly 46.25-48.25, 70s are mostly 42.25-44.25, and 84s are mostly 34.25-37.25; organic 48s are mostly 64.25-66.25, 60s are mostly 64.25-67.25, and 70s are mostly 56.25-58.25. Extra services are included. There continues to be a wide range in price. Harvest of the Mexico Flora Loca crop started. Movement from South District, California is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is moderate. The prices of organic 60s and 70s are generally unchanged, others are lower. Cartons 2 layers Hass 32-36s are mostly 52.25-55.25, 40-48s are mostly 53.25 - 55.25, 60s are mostly 50.25-52.25, 70s are mostly 44.25-47.25, 84s are mostly 40.25-42.25; organic 48s are mostly 72.25-74.25, 60s are mostly 66.25- 68.25, 70s are mostly 56.25-58.25. 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. 2-layer cartons of mostly Donnie with some Hardy varieties, 14-24s are mostly 30.00. Imports of Peru fruit through Philadelphia and New York City area ports are expected to remain light. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued by the end of July.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase. Trading early was active, late is moderate. Prices are lower. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium and large are mostly 16.95-18.95, fair quality are mostly 13.95-15.95. Cartons 36s are mostly 9.00-10.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings

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through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices of medium are slightly lower, large are generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium are mostly 18.95-19.95, fair quality are mostly 14.95-15.95, ordinary quality are mostly 9.95-10.95, large are mostly 16.95-18.95. Quality and condition are variable. Movement from Western and Central New York is expected increase as more shippers begin harvest.

Green Bell Pepper movement of San Joaquin Valley, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early was moderate, late is active. Prices are higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are mostly 33.95-35.95, large are mostly 30.95-32.95, irregular sized fair quality are 28.95-30.95. Quality is generally good. Supplies of Eastern North Carolina are in too few hands to establish a market however, light shipments are expected to continue. Movement of Western North Carolina is expected to increase as harvest begins. The first F.O.B. report is expected to be issued by July 19.

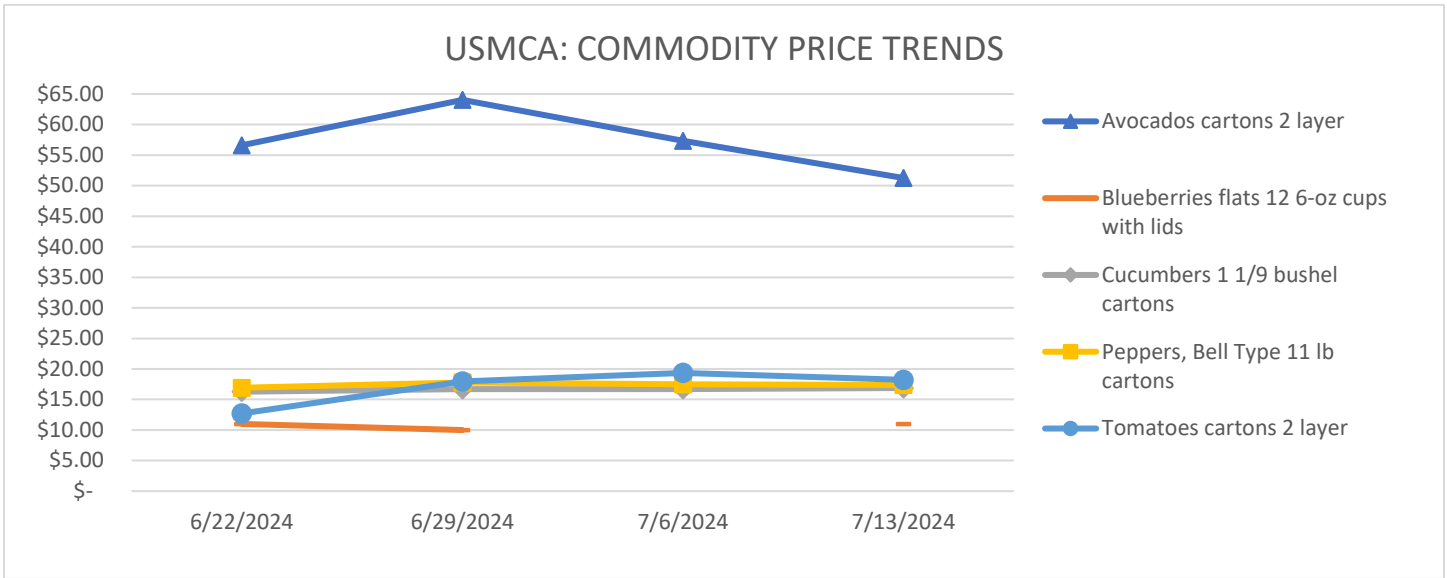
Tomato movement from Central District, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading is fairly active at slightly lower prices. 25-pound cartons loose Mature Greens extra-large and large are mostly 13.00, medium are mostly 10.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading is moderate. Prices are lower. Vine Ripes cartons 2- layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 17.95-18.95, 5x5-5x6s are 16.95-17.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 18.95-19.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes are 16.95-17.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase slightly. Trading is moderate. Prices 4x4- 4x5s are lower, 5x5-5x6s are slightly lower. Cartons 2-layer Vine Ripes 4x4-4x5s are mostly 16.00-18.00, 5x5-5x6s are mostly 16.00-17.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Eastern Tennessee and Virginia Eastern Shore is expected to increase. Trading for 6X6 is fairly active, others are active. Prices of 6x6 sizes are lower, others are generally unchanged. 25-pounds cartons of loose 85 percent U.S. One or better 5x6 size are 18.95-19.00, 6x6 size are 16.95, 6x7 size are 14.95-15.00. Quality is generally good. Extra services are included. Movement from Alabama s is expected to increase. Trading is active. 25-pounds carton of loose 85 percent U.S. One or better are 16.00-17.00. 25 pounds carton Vine Ripes extra-large are 15.00-16.00, large are 15.00-16.00. Quality is generally good. Extra services are included.

Blueberries movement from Oregon and Washington is expected to slightly increase. Trading of 12 1-pint cups are active at lower prices, others are active. Prices of 12 1-pint cups are lower; others are generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-oz cups with lids medium-large are mostly 12.00-14.00, flats 12 1-pint cups with lids medium-large are mostly 18.00-20.00; organic flats 6-oz cups with lids medium-large are mostly 16.00-18.00, 12 1-pint are mostly 27.00-29.00. Quality is good. Movement from Michigan is expected to remain the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. Flats 12/1-pt cups with lids large are mostly 18.00-20.00. Movement from British Columbia, Canada crossing through Northwest Washington is expected to increase seasonally, however unseasonably hot temperatures continue to impact quality and condition. Trading is very active. Supplies of Canada One quality is short but expected to increase in coming weeks. Prices of 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 17.00-19.00.

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

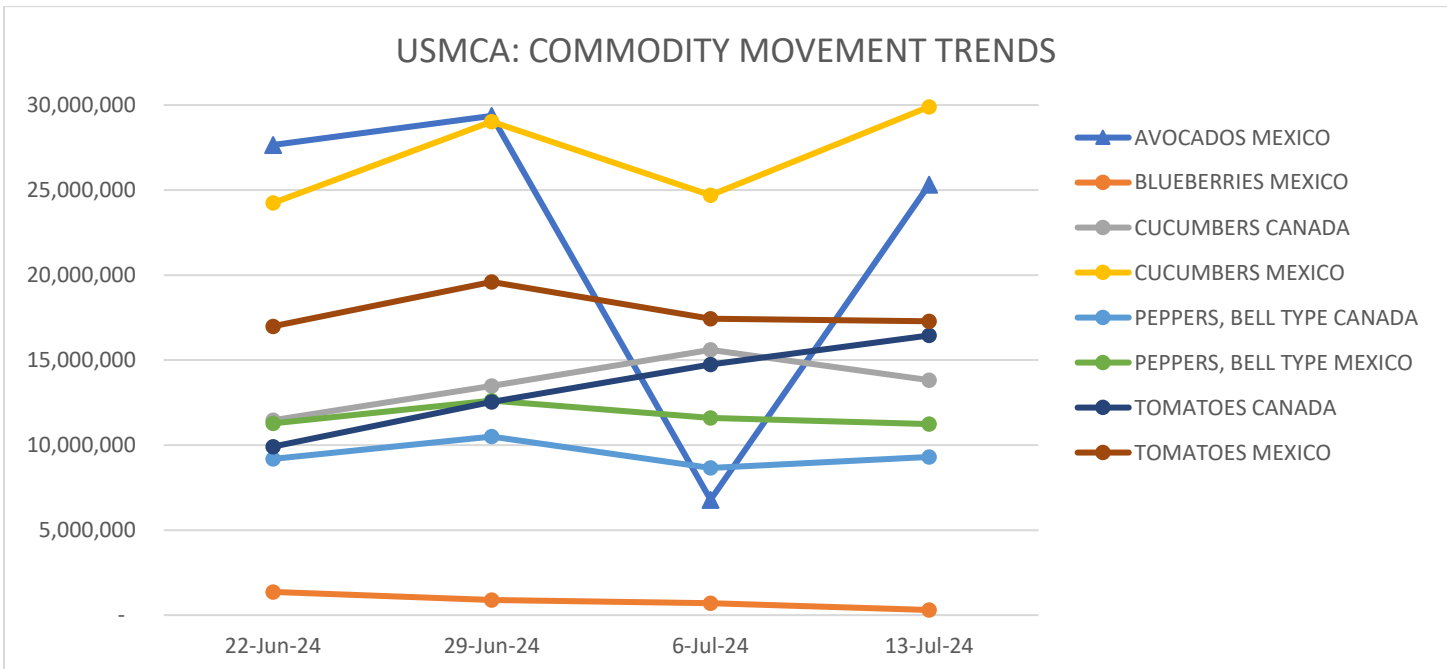
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

commodity	package	6/22/2024	6/29/2024	7/6/2024	7/13/2024
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 56.61	\$ 64.04	\$ 57.32	\$ 51.25
Blueberries	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 11.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 16.28	\$ 16.69	\$ 16.68	\$ 16.88
Peppers, Bell Type	11 lb. cartons	\$ 16.93	\$ 17.79	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.36
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 12.72	\$ 17.98	\$ 19.35	\$ 18.23

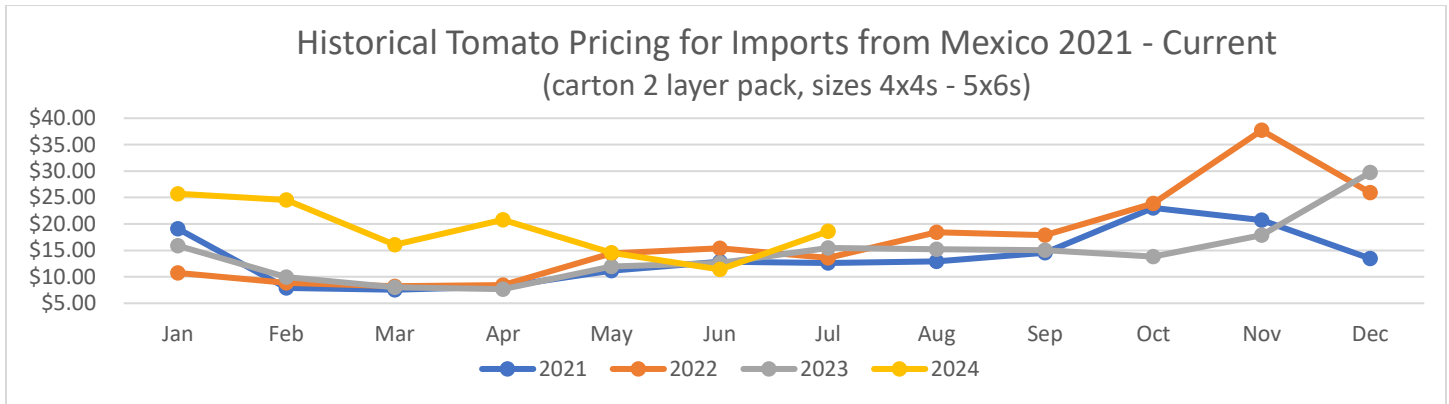


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	22-Jun-24	29-Jun-24	6-Jul-24	13-Jul-24
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	27,649,217	29,364,489	6,787,449	25,326,886
BLUEBERRIES	MEXICO	1,363,932	896,578	704,674	300,554
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	11,463,131	13,484,141	15,601,386	13,818,737
	MEXICO	24,241,637	29,032,579	24,695,759	29,899,111
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	9,186,169	10,499,810	8,656,595	9,298,818
	MEXICO	11,288,091	12,616,523	11,603,980	11,236,868
TOMATOES	CANADA	9,911,671	12,537,367	14,739,156	16,447,904
	MEXICO	16,989,132	19,596,617	17,432,654	17,289,740



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