

Specialty Crops Market News Division U.S. Mexico Canada Agreement Seasonal Perishable Products Weekly Update

Agricultural Marketing Service

Issued Weekly Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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 April 23, 2025: For the remainder of the week, mild, showery weather across the central and eastern U.S. will favor the development of winter grains and spring-sown crops, with significant fieldwork delays limited to areas receiving heavier rain. Among areas east of the Rockies, only areas along and near the Gulf Coast will remain completely dry, while 5-day rainfall totals could reach 1 to 3 inches across the central and southern Plains, western Corn Belt, mid-South, Ohio Valley, and Northeast. Rain will be accompanied by spotty severe thunderstorms, especially through Thursday across the central and southern Plains. In contrast, generally dry weather will prevail in the West during the next couple of days. Late in the week, however, a swath of cool, unsettled, showery weather will develop from Oregon and northern California to the northern Rockies. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for April 28–May 2 calls for near- or above-normal temperatures nationwide, except for cooler-than-normal conditions in parts of the Desert Southwest. Much of the eastern half of the U.S. will have a strong likelihood of experiencing very warm weather. Meanwhile, near- or above-normal precipitation across most of the country should contrast with drier-than-normal weather in portions of California, Oregon, and the southern Atlantic States.

Asparagus movement from Walla Walla District and Lower Yakima Valley, Washington is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Extra Fancy 11-pound carton/crates large are mostly 32.00, standard are mostly 28.00-32.00; pyramid carton/crates 28-pound bunched large are mostly 60.00-64.00, standard are 60.00-64.00. Movement of Peru imports through Southern California port of entry is expected to increase as more shippers begin and production increases. Supplies are light. From Peru, 11-pound cartons bunched green large are 32.95-35.75, standard are 30.85-32.75; white large are 28.75-33.00. Quality and condition are generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Calexico, California and San Luis, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Supplies are insufficient and, in too few hands to establish a market.

Avocado movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to increase. Trading of conventional 70-84s is fairly active, others are moderate. Price of conventional 70s are higher, 84s and organic are generally unchanged, others are lower. Hass carton 2-layers 32s are mostly 72.25-74.25, 36s are mostly 71.25-73.25, 40s are mostly 65.25-67.25, 48s are mostly 65.25-67.25, 60s are mostly 53.25-54.25, 70s are mostly 43.25-44.25, and 84s are mostly 27.25-28.25; organic 48s are 82.25-84.25, 60s are 70.25-72.25, and 70s are mostly 52.25-54.25. Extra services are included. Movement from South District, California is expected to increase slightly. Trading of conventional 70s and organic is fairly active, others are fairly active at lower prices. Prices conventional 70s and organic are generally unchanged, others are lower. Hass carton 2 layers 32s are mostly 73.25-76.25, 36s are mostly 72.25-74.25, 40-48s are mostly 69.25-70.25, 60s are mostly 59.25-60.25, 70s are mostly 45.25-47.25, and 84s are 28.25-29.25; organic 48s are mostly 84.25-86.25, 60s are mostly 70.25-73.25, and 70s are 52.25-54.25. Extra services are included.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 16.95-18.95, fair quality are mostly 12.95-14.95, ordinary quality are 5.95-7.95; small are 7.95-9.95; large are mostly 15.95-17.95. Cartons 24s are 5.95-7.95, 36s

For more information on:

For assistance please contact: Abbie.Hannon@usda.gov

- Shipping Point Report Details
- Movement Report Details
- Generating Custom Reports

https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov

are 8.95-9.95. Quality is variable. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading is moderate. Prices of large are slightly higher, medium are generally unchanged. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are mostly 17.95-19.95, fair quality are mostly 12.95-14.95, 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 increase. Trading is moderate. Prices of 24s are slightly higher; others are slightly lower. Price includes palletizing and precooling. 1 1/9-bushel cartons waxed medium are mostly 17.35-18.35, fair quality are mostly 10.35-12.85. Carton 24s are mostly 5.35-6.35. Quality is generally good.

Green Bell Pepper movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is moderate. Prices are slightly lower with a wide range in price. 1 1/9-bushel cartons of extra-large are 18.95-22.95, large are 16.95-20.95, medium are 12.95-16.95; irregular size fair quality are 12.95-14.95, small-medium fair quality are mostly 9.95-11.95. Quality is variable. Movement from Central and South Florida is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices of extra-large and large are lower, others are much lower. Price includes palletizing and precooling. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo are mostly 12.00-14.35, extra-large are mostly 13.35-15.35, large are mostly 10.35-12.35, fair quality are mostly 8.00-9.35. Quality is generally good. Harvest in Coachella Valley, California is expected to begin the week of April 20. Quality is expected to be generally good. The first F.O.B. report expected to be issued the week of May 4.

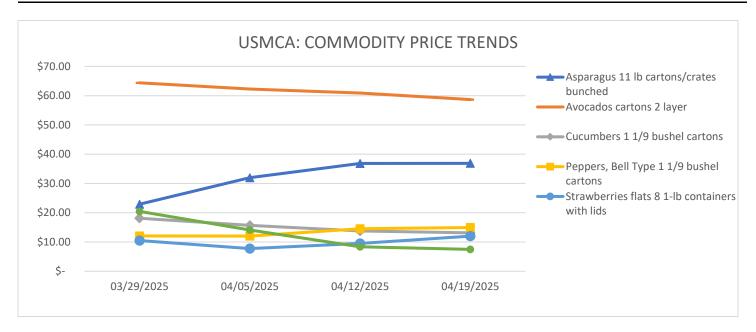
Strawberry movement from Oxnard, California is expected to increase seasonally. Supplies are heavy. Trading early was active, late is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. Flat 8 1-pound containers with lids have a wide range in price with medium at mostly 10.00-14.00; organic are mostly 18.00-20.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California are expected to remain about the same. Trading early was fairly active, late is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids, medium are mostly 10.00-12.00; organic medium have a wide range in price at 14.00-18.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Santa Maria, California is expected to increase seasonally. Supplies are heavy. Trading early was active, late is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids, medium have a wide range in price at mostly 10.00-14.00; organic are mostly 18.00-20.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Salinas-Watsonville, California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early was active, late is moderate. Prices are slightly lower. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids medium are mostly 12.00; organic have a wide range in price at mostly 18.00-22.00. Quality is generally good.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading is slow. Prices are generally unchanged. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4s are mostly 7.37-7.95, 4x5s are mostly 7.39-7.95, 5x5s are mostly 7.13-7.95, and 5x6s are mostly 6.64-6.95. 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 8.30-8.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 8.30. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to increase. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4s are 7.37-7.95, 4x5s are 7.39-7.95, 5x5s are 7.13-7.95, 5x6s are 6.64-6.95. 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are 8.30-8.95, 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 8.30. Quality is generally good.

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

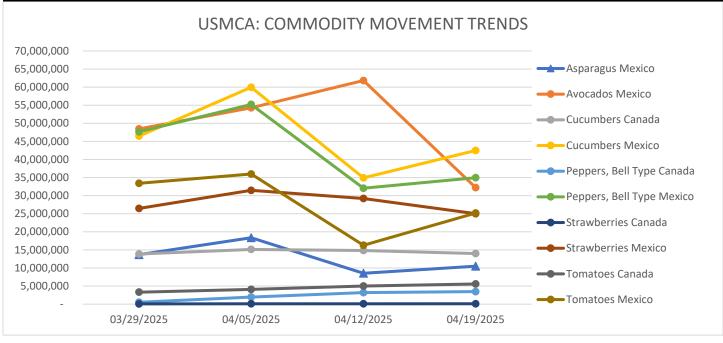
commodity	package	03/	29/2025	04/	05/2025	04,	/12/2025	04/	/19/2025
Asparagus	11 lb cartons/crates bunched	\$	22.92	\$	31.99	\$	36.83	\$	36.88
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$	64.39	\$	62.29	\$	60.89	\$	58.68
Cucumbers	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$	18.12	\$	15.68	\$	13.78	\$	13.12
Peppers, Bell Type	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$	12.08	\$	12.01	\$	14.52	\$	14.95
Strawberries	flats 8 1-lb containers with lids	\$	10.50	\$	7.75	\$	9.50	\$	12.00
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$	20.45	\$	14.09	\$	8.35	\$	7.48

Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

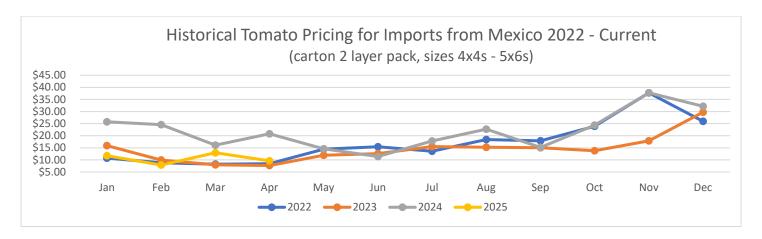


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

commodity	origin	03/29/2025	04/05/2025	04/12/2025	04/19/2025
Asparagus	Mexico	13,680,508	18,367,959	8,542,474	10,513,031
Avocados	Mexico	48,439,472	54,287,518	61,827,115	32,226,221
Cucumbers	Canada	13,871,375	15,128,900	14,834,696	13,974,010
	Mexico	46,460,350	59,960,369	34,923,831	42,493,432
Peppers, Bell Type	Canada	533,133	1,944,695	3,181,911	3,477,789
	Mexico	47,655,083	55,208,197	32,058,864	34,951,725
Strawberries	Canada	82,897	87,953	108,755	116,430
	Mexico	26,480,584	31,480,619	29,214,125	25,021,176
Tomatoes	Canada	3,313,411	4,069,130	5,008,634	5,582,938
	Mexico	33,401,503	35,988,719	16,286,561	25,205,829



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