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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.

In addition to record levels of imports moving through the nation's sea ports, volumes moved by the domestic trucking industry continue to show growth as well. The latest tonnage index released in May by the American Trucking Association indicate that the trucking market, and specifically the share of contract tonnage versus the spot market, is transitioning back to pre-pandemic levels. In spite of several key economic factors related to trucking showing negative growth in May - including retail sales, housing starts, and manufacturing output - the monthly index was at its second highest level since the beginning of the pandemic. This is despite increasing stresses on the industry from many factors, including the rapidly rising cost of diesel fuel.

Movement of Peruvian asparagus through South Florida ports of entry expected to remain about the same this week before increasing slightly next week. Shipments may be affected by a trucking strike in Peru protesting the high cost of fuel. Trading jumbo and extra-large very active, large active, others moderate. Prices on small generally unchanged and others higher. Supplies of green jumbo and white in too few hands to establish a market; supplies extra-large green also very light, large light, others moderate. Production in northern Peru expected to finish this week with many current shipments already coming out of storage. Demand for the European market remains strong on larger sizes. Movement of Mexican asparagus crossings through Arizona, California and Texas expected to remain about the same. Trading jumbo size moderate at higher prices, others fairly slow with prices generally unchanged. Most shipments continue to be booked at previously committed prices. Movement of asparagus from Michigan expected to decrease seasonally. Trading active with prices on 28 lb. cartons higher and others generally unchanged.

Mexican avocado crossings through Texas expected to increase as the transition to new crop fruit gets underway. Light harvest has already started with more growers expected to begin this week. Trading fairly light with prices for most sizes lower. Prices are adjusting this week due to multiple supply and demand factors all merging at once. As more imports come in from Peru and Columbia, plus domestic avocados from California, prices expected to slowly come down. Peruvian imports of avocados expected to increase seasonally. Supplies remain light but imports are expected to increase week by week. Demand is moderate and prices are steady. Avocados out of Southern California District movement expected to decrease. Demand remains fairly active at lower prices for the California market.

Cucumber crossings from Mexico through Texas movement expected about the same. Trading remains active at higher prices. Quality expected to be variable. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement of cucumbers from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California supplies are very light, and demand exceeds supply. Prices are higher this week and quality is being reported as generally good. Movement from South Georgia expected to decrease as many shippers are finished for the season. Temperatures have been very high but are expected to come down this week. The heat is affecting the fields and accelerating the season to close rapidly. Demand

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is shifting north where supplies are more widely available. Trading moderate with prices holding about steady. Mexico crossings of cucumbers through Nogales, Arizona the season has come to end. Most shippers are finished for the season and a last report was issued this week. Movement from Eastern North Carolina expected to decrease seasonally as a few shippers are finished for the season. Lighter shipments expected to continue with few supplies. Trading fairly active at higher prices. Cucumber movement out of Western North Carolina is expected to increase seasonally as more producers begin to harvest in the coming days. Currently, no F.O.B. price report is being issued.

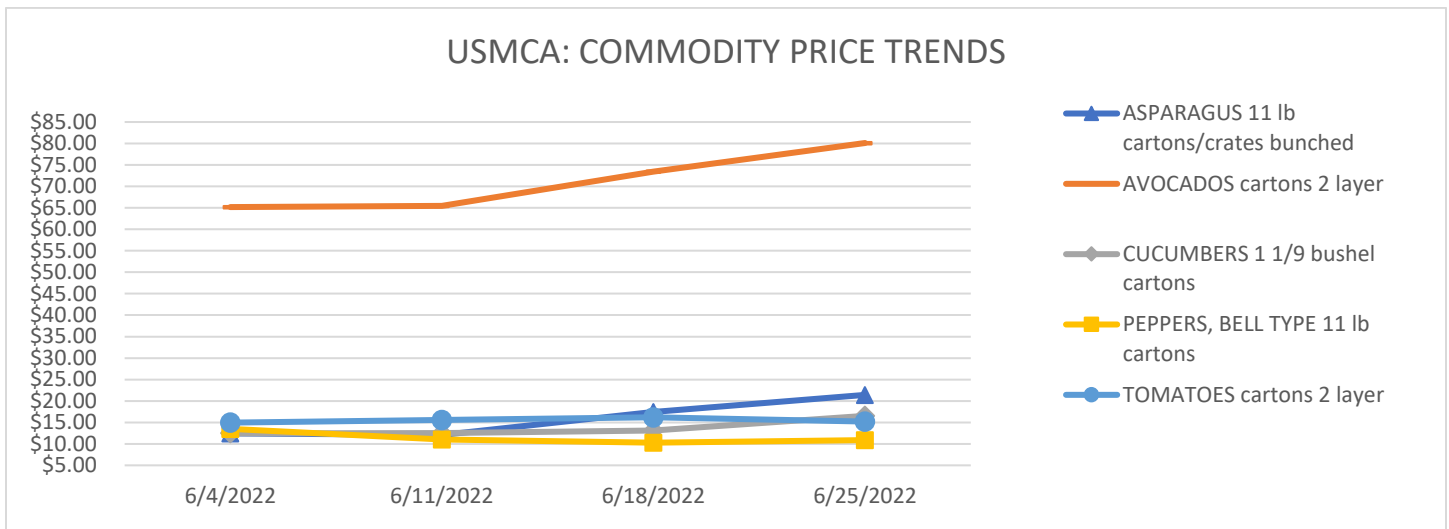
South Georgia movement of green bell peppers is expected to remain about the same. Growers are watching the weather, with heat and dry weather potentially bringing the vegetable growing season to an early end. Trading moderate and prices on large steady and others higher. Quality reported as generally good. Green bell peppers out San Joaquin Valley California is expected to increase seasonally. Trading reported as fairly active with prices generally unchanged. Demand fairly good as more shippers have begun harvest on green bell peppers. Quality is being reported as generally good. Movement of green bell peppers out of Coachella Valley California expected to decrease seasonally as most shippers have finished and are transitioning into new growing areas. Most remaining supplies are for red bell peppers. Trading active at slightly lower prices and quality is reported as variable. Light movement out of Eastern North Carolina has been reported and is expected to increase seasonally. The first report has been issued, but no F.O.B. price report is currently being issued.

Movement of tomatoes out of Florida West and South Carolina District is expected slightly decrease as growers in both states begin to finish for the season within the next week. Trading and demand moderate at lower prices remaining steady through the week. Quality is being reported as generally good. Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas expected to remain about the same. Trading fairly active early and moderate later. Prices 5x6s slightly lower, others generally unchanged. Quality is reported as generally good. Tomato crossings from Mexico through Nogales, Arizona movement expected to decrease sharply. Trading moderate at slightly lower prices. Supplies are in few hands and crossings are getting lighter by the day. Quality remains generally good, and product is moving well for this time of year. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase seasonally. Supplies 5x5-5x6s light. Trading active at slightly lower prices, with smaller sizes moving slightly better than larger. Demand decreased to moderate by midweek as volumes increased due to more shippers getting underway. The first report has been issued for tomatoes out of Central District California, with movement expected to increase seasonally. Trading active on light supplies, with demand and prices lower by mid-week. The first F.O.B. price report has been issued. Quality is reported as generally good. Movement of tomatoes from Southeastern Arkansas expected to increase slightly. The first F.O.B. price report has been issued. Trading fairly active and demand fairly good at slightly higher prices.

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

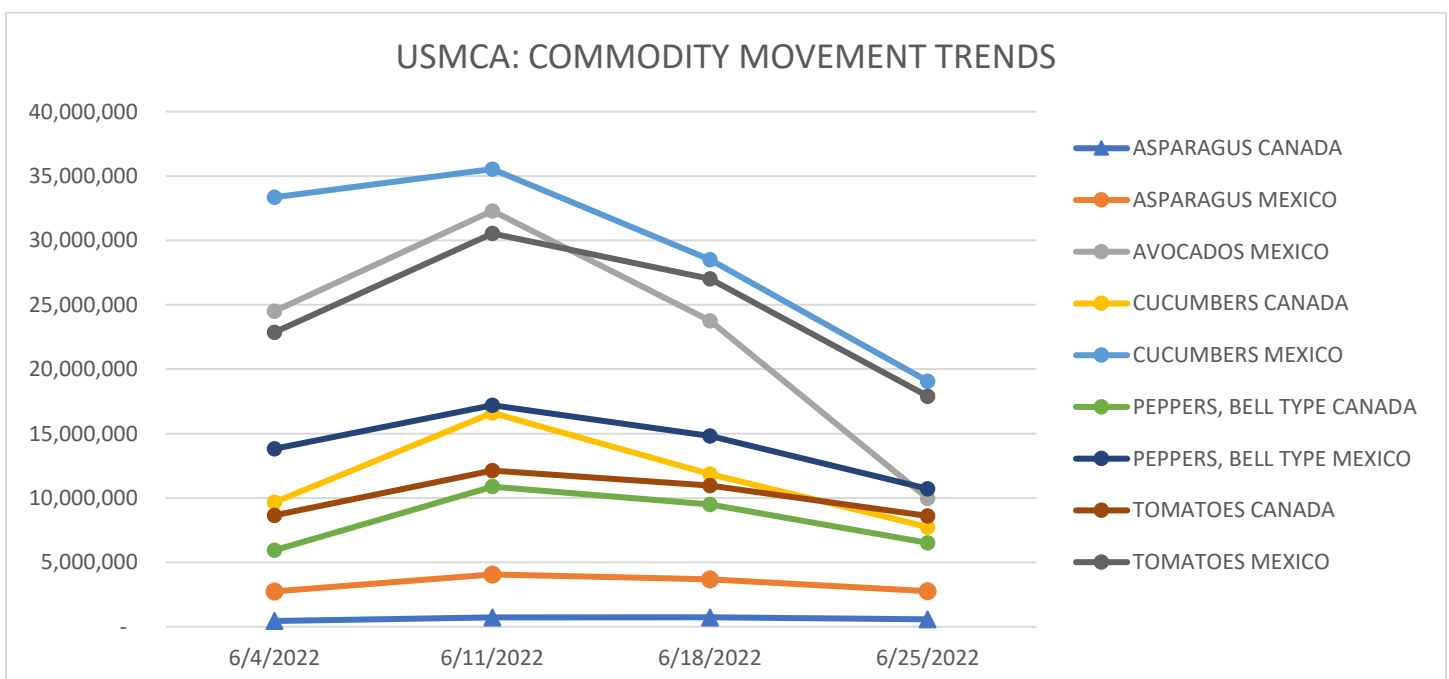
Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	6/4/2022	6/11/2022	6/18/2022	6/25/2022
ASPARAGUS	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	\$ 12.42	\$ 12.08	\$ 17.42	\$ 21.42
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 65.18	\$ 65.46	\$ 73.46	\$ 80.11
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 12.45	\$ 12.52	\$ 13.09	\$ 16.53
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	11 lb. cartons	\$ 13.50	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.29	\$ 10.86
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 14.96	\$ 15.56	\$ 16.20	\$ 15.20

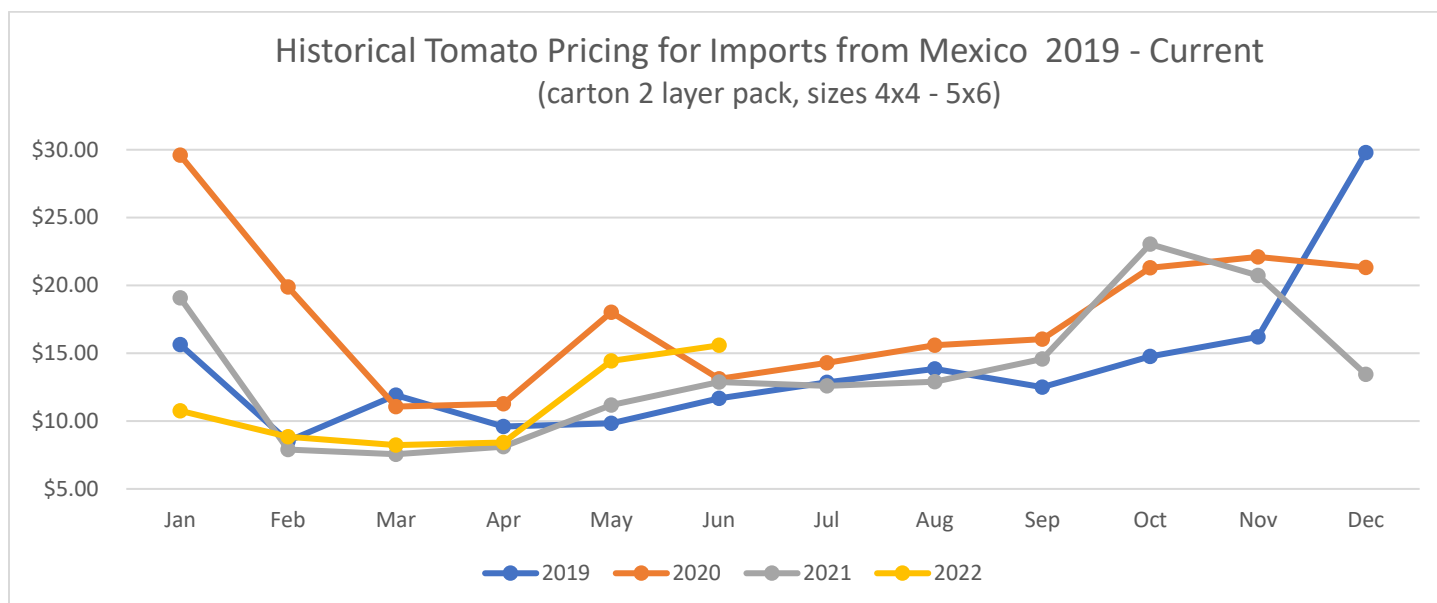


Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	6/4/2022	6/11/2022	6/18/2022	6/25/2022
ASPARAGUS	CANADA	449,556	733,756	737,586	571,686
	MEXICO	2,749,257	4,064,377	3,691,391	2,755,832
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	24,501,095	32,290,770	23,768,421	9,964,276
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	9,682,870	16,602,144	11,860,010	7,745,922
	MEXICO	33,344,481	35,536,053	28,499,175	19,072,059
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	5,945,577	10,878,935	9,503,648	6,526,612
	MEXICO	13,822,512	17,198,517	14,818,375	10,717,957
TOMATOES	CANADA	8,667,071	12,126,722	10,954,316	8,607,230
	MEXICO	22,875,699	30,531,799	27,025,494	17,907,499



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