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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 March 4, 2026: Much of the country will continue to experience warm weather during the next 5 days, although chilly conditions will prevail at times from the northern Plains into the Northeast. Farther south, an active weather pattern will feature multiple disturbances emerging from the western U.S. The strongest of those disturbances will result in a low-pressure system forming over the central Plains by Friday and traversing the upper Great Lakes region on Saturday. Showers and locally severe thunderstorms along the storm's trailing cold front will remain active across the South through the weekend. Five-day rainfall totals should reach 1 to 3 inches or more from central and northeastern Texas into the Ohio Valley—an area currently experiencing widespread drought. Meanwhile, late-week snow should blanket areas from the Intermountain West into portions of the upper Midwest. In contrast, little or no precipitation will fall during the next 5 days in the southern Atlantic States and from central and southern California to the southern High Plains. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for March 9 – 13 calls for the likelihood of near- or above-normal temperatures and precipitation across most of the country. Colder-than normal conditions will be confined to the nation's northern tier, from Washington to northern Minnesota, while drier-than normal weather should be mostly limited to California and the Great Basin.

Asparagus movement from Mexico crossings through Calexico, California and San Luis, Arizona is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was slow, late is moderate. Prices are lower. 11-pound cartons/crates bunched large are mostly 24.75-26.75 and standard are mostly 22.75-24.75. Extra services are included. Prices represent a few spot market sales as many present shipments are booked at previously committed prices.

Avocado movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is moderate. Prices of 48-70s are higher, others are generally unchanged. Hass cartons 2 layers 32-40s are mostly 24.25-27.25, 48s are mostly 25.25-28.25, 60s are 23.25-25.25, 70s are mostly 22.25-23.25, and 84s are mostly 20.25-22.25; organic 48-60s are mostly 34.25-36.25 and 70s are mostly 32.25-37.25. Extra services are included.

Blueberry movement from Peru imports, mostly via boat, through Miami, Philadelphia and New York area ports of entry is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is fairly active. Prices are slightly higher. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large are mostly 37.00 with organic at 40.00-42.00. Quality is generally good. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Mexico crossings through Arizona, California and Texas is expected to remain about the same. Available supplies are light as most present shipments are from prior booking and/or previous commitments. Trading is moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. Flats 12 6-ounce cups with lids have a wide range in price at 22.00-28.00. Quality is variable. Movement from Chile imports, mostly via boat, through Philadelphia area ports of entry is expected to decrease seasonally. Trading is fairly active. Prices are slightly higher. Flats 12 1-pint cups with lids large are mostly 30.00-32.00 with organic at mostly 34.00-36.00. Quality is generally good. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments.

Cucumber movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease. Trading is very active. Prices are much higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons medium are 32.95-34.95, fair quality are 28.95-30.95, ordinary quality are 22.95-24.95; small are 24.95-26.95 and large are 32.95-34.95. Cartons 24s are 14.95-16.95 and 36s are 16.95-18.95. Quality and condition are variable. Many present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments at

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lower prices. Movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to decrease. Trading early was moderate, late is active. Prices are much higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons have a wide range in price as medium are 30.00-36.00, fair quality are 28.00-32.00, ordinary quality are 24.00-26.00, and large at 30.00-34.00. Quality and condition are variable.

Green bell pepper movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease slightly. Trading is active. Prices are higher. 1 1/9-bushel cartons extra-large are mostly 34.95, large are mostly 32.95, medium are 28.95-30.95; irregular size fair quality are mostly 28.95. Quality and condition are variable. Most present shipments are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Movement from Central and South Florida is expected to remain about the same. Supplies are fairly light. Trading is fairly active. Prices are slightly higher. Price includes palletizing and precooling. 1 1/9-bushel cartons jumbo and extra-large are mostly 40.35-42.95. Quality is variable. The maturity of the crop continues to be affected by previous cold weather.

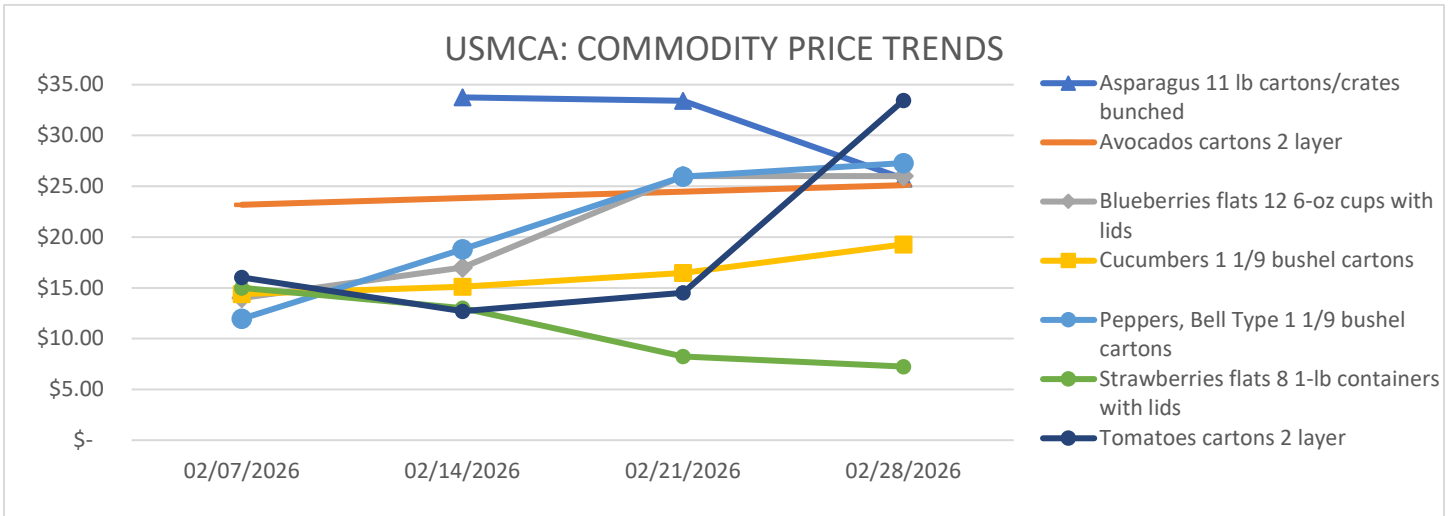
Strawberry movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Trading is slow. Prices are generally unchanged. Flats 8 1-lb containers with lids have a wide range in price as medium are 6.00-10.00 and organic are 12.00-18.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Otay Mesa, California is expected to increase. Trading early was very slow, late is slow. Prices are generally unchanged. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids medium have a wide range in price at 6.00-10.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Central Florida is expected to remain about the same. Trading is moderate. Prices are much higher. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids medium are mostly 12.00; organic have a wide range in price at 26.00-33.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Oxnard District, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was very slow, late is moderate. Prices are higher. Flats 8 1-lb containers with lids have a wide range in price as medium are 10.00-14.00 and organic are 20.00-26.00. Quality is generally good. Movement from Santa Maria, California is expected to remain about the same. Trading early was very slow, late is moderate. Prices are higher. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids have a wide range in price as medium are 10.00-14.00 and organic are 20.00-26.00. Quality is generally good.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossings through Texas is expected to remain about the same. Supplies are light. Trading is active. Prices are much higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 40.95-42.95 and 5x5-5x6s are mostly 40.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 40.95-42.95 and 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 38.95-40.95. Quality is generally good. Movement from Mexico crossings through Nogales, Arizona is expected to decrease slightly. Supplies are very light and in few hands. Trading early was active, late is very active. Prices are much higher. Vine Ripes cartons 2-layer 4x4-4x5s are mostly 40.95 and 5x5-5x6s are mostly 38.95-40.95; 25-pound cartons loose 4x4-4x5 sizes are mostly 40.95-42.95 and 5x5-5x6 sizes are mostly 40.95. Quality and condition are variable.

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

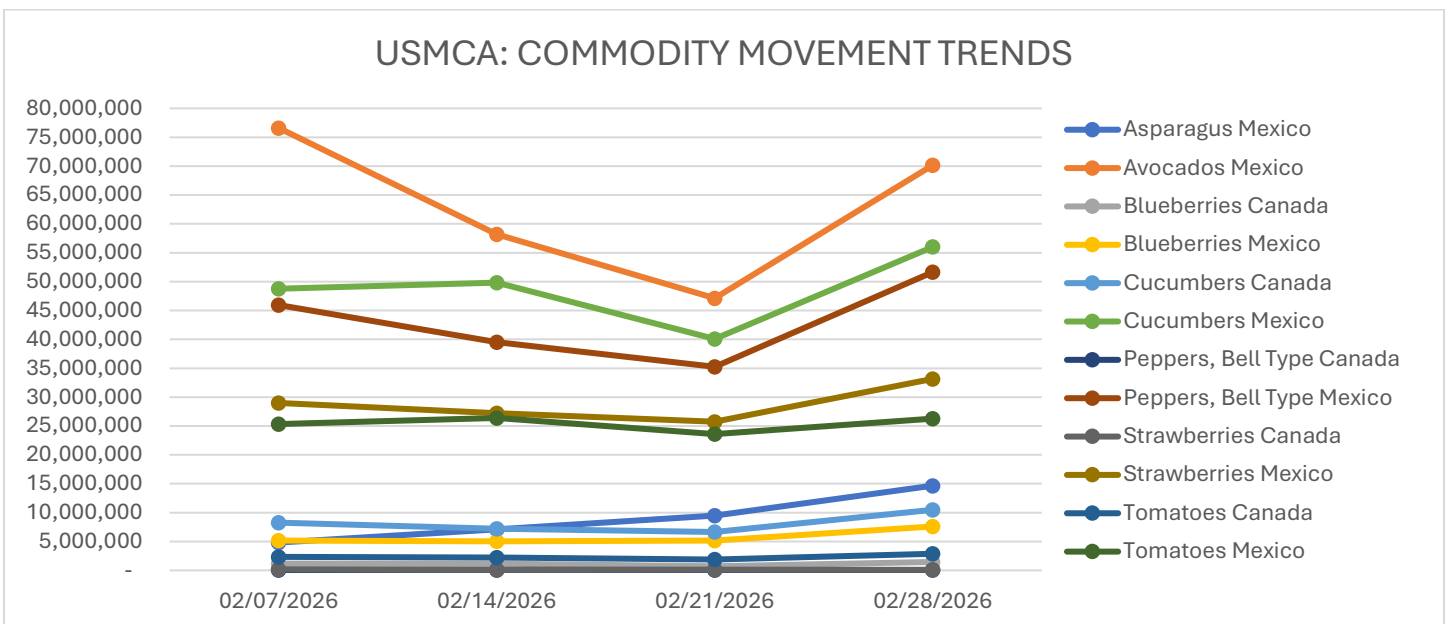
Four-Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

commodity	package	02/07/2026	02/14/2026	02/21/2026	02/28/2026
Asparagus	11 lb. cartons/crates bunched	*NA	\$ 33.75	\$ 33.42	\$ 25.75
Avocados	cartons 2 layer	\$ 23.18	\$ 23.82	\$ 24.46	\$ 25.11
Blueberries	flats 12 6-oz cups with lids	\$ 14.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00
Cucumbers	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 14.39	\$ 15.12	\$ 16.45	\$ 19.28
Peppers, Bell Type	1 1/9-bushel cartons	\$ 11.95	\$ 18.78	\$ 25.95	\$ 27.28
Strawberries	flats 8 1-lb containers with lids	\$ 15.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.25	\$ 7.25
Tomatoes	cartons 2 layer	\$ 16.02	\$ 12.70	\$ 14.51	\$ 33.45

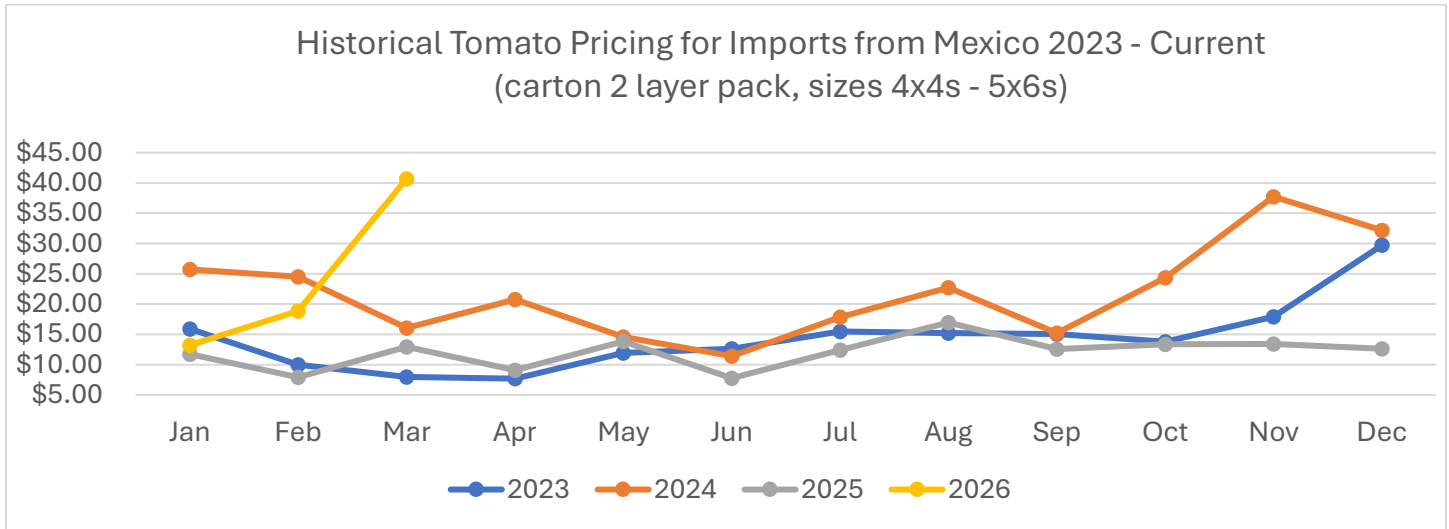


Four-Week Movement in Pounds

commodity	origin	02/07/2026	02/14/2026	02/21/2026	02/28/2026
Asparagus	Mexico	4,815,967	7,084,976	9,495,563	14,666,590
Avocados	Mexico	76,617,542	58,203,007	47,130,259	70,155,183
Blueberries	Canada	1,183,341	1,191,034	706,919	1,456,467
	Mexico	5,187,491	5,027,498	5,182,013	7,600,313
Cucumbers	Canada	8,283,705	7,194,794	6,646,367	10,487,845
	Mexico	48,776,100	49,799,244	40,083,580	56,005,395
Peppers, Bell Type	Canada	76,804	90,532	65,272	70,075
	Mexico	45,944,863	39,529,235	35,252,644	51,649,297
Strawberries	Canada	199,005	105,488	117,200	98,902
	Mexico	28,984,545	27,208,274	25,746,017	33,160,995
Tomatoes	Canada	2,352,772	2,222,971	1,878,846	2,872,611
	Mexico	25,342,488	26,392,404	23,597,684	26,275,442



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.

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

*Not applicable