

Mexico Transport Cost Indicator Report

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SUMMARY: WHAT HAPPENED?

Transportation Costs to Mexico Rose From Third to Fourth Quarter 2023

Low transportation and landed costs for U.S.-Mexico routes are vital to the competitiveness of U.S. grain in Mexico (a top importer of U.S. grain) and globally. U.S. grain is transported to Mexico either by cross-border land movements or by sea movements to Mexican ports for inland distribution. This article examines the costs of transporting U.S. grain to Mexico over land to Guadalajara (land routes) and by sea to Veracruz (water routes), tracking changes over time (table 1).

Quarter-to-quarter transportation costs. From third quarter 2023 to fourth quarter 2023 (quarter to quarter), total transportation costs increased for U.S. corn, soybeans, and wheat, shipped both by water and land routes.¹ For both water and land routes, rising transportation costs reflected rising costs of all modes of transportation. Truck rates rose partly because of a strong demand for trucking and a slight increase in diesel prices. Barge rates rose because of continuing navigation challenges posed by the Mississippi River System's low water levels ([GTR, October 19, 2023](#)). However, barge rates did not rise as high as they had risen from third to fourth quarter 2022.

Rail rates (public tariff, plus fuel surcharge) rose partly because of an increase in fuel surcharges. Likewise, responding to higher demand for shipping bulk items such as iron ore, coal, and grain, ocean freight rates rose quarter to quarter. The drought-induced transit restrictions in the Panama Canal also drove ocean freight rates higher by rerouting vessels to the Suez Canal, which increased ton-miles ([GTR, February 1, 2024](#)).

Year-to-year transportation costs. From fourth quarter 2022 to fourth quarter 2023 (year to year), the total cost of shipping U.S. corn and soybeans to Mexico by all routes fell because of falling rail, barge, and ocean rates. However, by the water routes, the cost of shipping wheat to Mexico rose because of higher truck and rail tariff rates. The cost of shipping wheat by the land routes remained stable.

¹ Water routes typically involve truck transportation to barge to oceangoing vessel, or truck to rail to oceangoing vessel.



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Quarter-to-quarter landed costs. Quarter to quarter, landed costs fell for all grains shipped by the water and land routes. The lower landed costs reflected a decline in farm values that exceeded the increase in transportation costs (table 1 and figs. 1 and 2). The share of landed costs comprising transportation ranged from 12 percent to 25 percent for the water routes and from 20 percent to 38 percent for the land routes.

Year-to-year landed costs. Year to year, landed costs decreased for both waterborne and land-route corn and soybeans, because of both lower transportation costs and lower farm values. For waterborne and land-route wheat, the decrease in farm values outweighed the increase in transportation costs, causing landed costs to fall.

U.S. Inspections for Exports to Mexico: [According to USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service](#), the United States inspected 4.7 million metric tons (mmt) of corn, 1.5 mmt of soybeans, and 0.7 mmt of wheat for export to Mexico in fourth quarter 2023. Quarter to quarter, U.S. inspections for export to Mexico were up 40 percent for corn and up 89 percent for soybeans, but down 25 percent for wheat. Year to year, U.S. inspections destined to Mexico rose 64 percent for corn, fell 5 percent for soybeans, and rose 2 percent for wheat. Lower landed costs for corn and soybeans are consistent with quarter-to-quarter increases in corn and soybean shipments to Mexico.

Ocean Freight Rates: Ocean freight rates for shipping bulk grains to Mexico rose quarter to quarter, fell year to year, and rose from the prior 4-year average. In the fourth quarter—via 25,000 ton-capacity vessels—the cost of shipping a metric ton (mt) of grain from the U.S. Gulf to Veracruz, Mexico, averaged \$22.49 per mt. This was up 6 percent quarter to quarter, down 8 percent year to year, and up 3 percent from the prior-4-year average. The cost of shipping by the same route in 35,000-40,000 ton-capacity vessels averaged \$19.74 per mt. This amounted to a 7-percent increase quarter to quarter, 5-percent decrease year to year, and 4-percent increase from the 4-year average. During the fourth quarter, ocean freight rates rose in response to a strong global demand for bulk shipments.

Railroad: According to USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, in fourth quarter 2023, 5.18 mmt of grain and oilseeds were exported to Mexico by land. Exports by land to Mexico are overwhelmingly rail shipments. Land-based exports to Mexico were up 28 percent quarter to quarter and year to year, and up 25 percent from the prior-3-year average. Fuel surcharges per railcar averaged \$806 (table 2), up 43 percent quarter to quarter and down 22 percent year to year, but up 67 percent from the prior-3-year average.

Similar to the disruptions of September 2023, grain rail exports to Mexico were again disrupted in December 2023. On December 1, Ferromex (FXE), one of Mexico's two railroads with interchanges to the United States, issued an embargo on all agricultural commodities shipped via rail at both Eagle Pass and El Paso, TX, border crossings. This initial embargo limited agricultural shipments through a permit system. FXE cited "immigrant situation in the network" as the reason for the embargo.

On December 17, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced it would suspend operations the next day (December 18) at the border crossings in Eagle Pass and El Paso, in order to redirect CBP personnel to assist with processing migrants at the U.S. southern border.² Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF Railway subsequently issued embargoes for border crossings at these locations. All rail traffic was suspended until CBP resumed rail traffic at El Paso and Eagle Pass on December 22.

At the end of 2021, the railroads started reporting only rates to the Mexico border, rather than reporting rates for full routes. Using the correlation between rail tariff rate changes for U.S. domestic shipments and Mexico shipments, estimated rail tariff rates per grain car in second quarter 2023 averaged \$8,087, up 1 percent quarter to quarter, up 1 percent year to year, and up 3 percent from the prior-3-year average. Estimated total rail transportation costs (tariff rates plus fuel surcharges) were up 4 percent quarter to quarter and down 2 percent year to year, but up 6 percent from the prior-3-year average.

² U.S. Customs and Border Protection. "Statement from CBP on Suspension of Rail Operations in Eagle Pass and El Paso, Texas." December 17, 2023. Accessed March 5, 2024: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/statement-cbp-suspension-rail-operations-eagle-pass-and-el-paso>.



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Fruit and Vegetables

In fourth quarter 2023, total reported shipments of fruits and vegetables by refrigerated truck from Mexico were 2.66 million tons, down 6 percent from year to year. The sum of the top five commodities increased by 3,000 tons, less than a 1 percent increase from year to year. At 320,000 tons—up 1 percent year to year—avocados were the largest refrigerated-truck import from Mexico by volume.

For shipments crossing the Arizona border from Mexico and traveling 501-1,500 miles, truck rates averaged \$2.47 per mile—down 6 percent quarter to quarter and down 16 percent year to year. For shipments crossing the Texas-Mexico border and traveling 501-1,500 miles, rates averaged \$2.79 per mile—flat quarter to quarter and down 9 percent year to year.

Diesel fuel prices for Texas-Mexico border crossings averaged \$3.92 per gallon. Diesel fuel prices for Arizona-Mexico border crossings averaged \$4.67 per gallon. The Texas-Mexico border crossing had surplus truck availability throughout the fourth quarter. The Arizona-Mexico border crossing had adequate truck availability in October and November, and had a slight shortage of trucks in December.



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Table 1. Quarterly costs of transporting U.S. grain and soybeans to Mexico

	2023									
	Water route (to Veracruz)					Land route (to Guadalajara)				
	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Avg.	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Avg.
	US\$/metric ton					US\$/metric ton				
Corn										
Origin	IL					IA				
Truck	14.75	14.19	14.75	16.75	15.11	5.42	5.82	5.82	6.34	5.85
Rail ¹	-	-	-	-	-	105.98	104.90	105.99	109.98	108.28
Barge	30.28	17.24	26.60	27.06	25.30	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean ²	18.75	19.14	18.48	19.74	19.03	-	-	-	-	-
Total transportation cost	63.78	50.57	59.83	63.55	59.43	111.40	110.72	111.81	116.32	114.13
Farm price ³	257.99	254.32	220.07	187.79	230.04	266.00	261.01	227.28	191.72	236.50
Landed cost ⁴	321.77	304.89	279.90	251.34	289.48	377.40	371.73	339.09	308.04	350.63
Transport % of landed cost	19.8	16.6	21.4	25.3	20.5	29.5	29.8	33.0	37.8	32.5
Soybeans										
Origin	IL					NE				
Truck	14.75	14.19	14.75	16.75	15.11	5.42	5.82	5.82	6.34	5.85
Rail ¹	-	-	-	-	-	105.21	104.07	105.00	107.74	106.98
Barge	30.28	17.24	26.60	27.06	25.30	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean ²	18.75	19.14	18.48	19.74	19.03	-	-	-	-	-
Total transportation cost	63.78	50.57	59.83	63.55	59.43	110.63	109.89	110.82	114.08	112.83
Farm price ³	543.81	536.46	515.64	480.12	519.01	546.26	520.54	507.06	467.87	510.43
Landed cost ⁴	607.59	587.03	575.47	543.67	578.44	656.89	630.43	617.88	581.95	623.26
Transport % of landed cost	10.5	8.6	10.4	11.7	10.3	16.8	17.4	17.9	19.6	18.1
Wheat										
Origin	KS					KS				
Truck	5.42	5.82	5.82	6.34	5.85	5.42	5.82	5.82	6.34	5.85
Rail ¹	45.58	45.55	46.86	47.92	46.48	87.53	87.00	88.73	91.40	90.23
Ocean ²	18.75	19.14	18.48	19.74	19.03	-	-	-	-	-
Total transportation cost	69.75	70.51	71.16	74.00	71.36	92.95	92.82	94.55	97.74	96.08
Farm price ³	309.99	304.48	279.62	231.36	281.36	309.99	304.48	279.62	231.36	281.36
Landed cost ⁴	379.74	374.99	350.78	305.36	352.72	402.94	397.30	374.17	329.10	377.44
Transport % of landed cost	18.4	18.8	20.3	24.2	20.4	23.1	23.4	25.3	29.7	25.6

¹Rail rates include U.S. and Mexico portions of the movement. Mexico rail rates are estimated based on actual quoted market rates. BNSF and Union Pacific quoted rail tariff rates are through rates for shuttle trains. Rail rates include fuel surcharges, but do not include the cost of purchasing empty rail cars in the secondary market, which could exceed the rail tariff rate plus the fuel surcharge shown in the table.

²Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting, Inc.

³Source: USDA/NASS.

⁴Landed cost is total transportation cost plus the farm price.

Note: "-" indicates data not required or applicable. Total may not add exactly because of rounding.

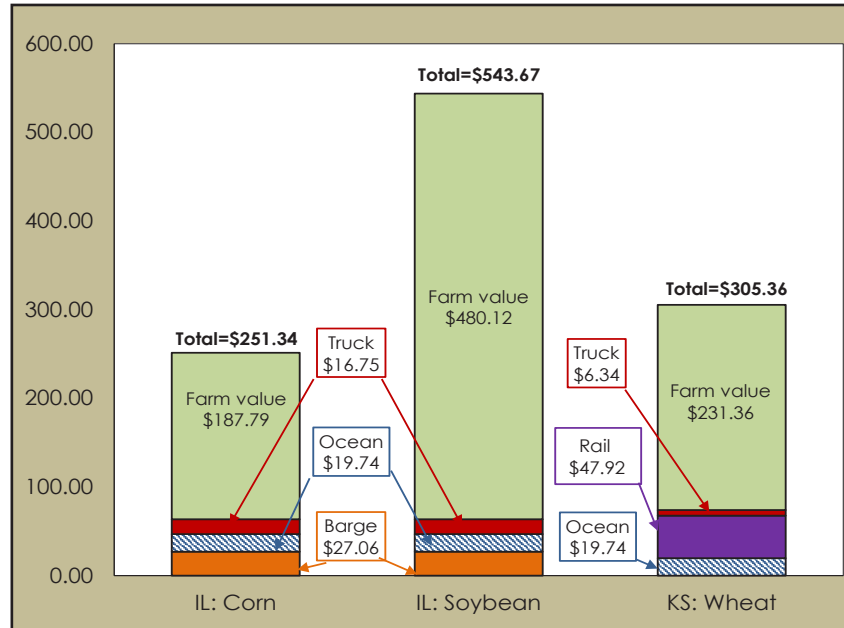
Source: Compiled by the USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service.



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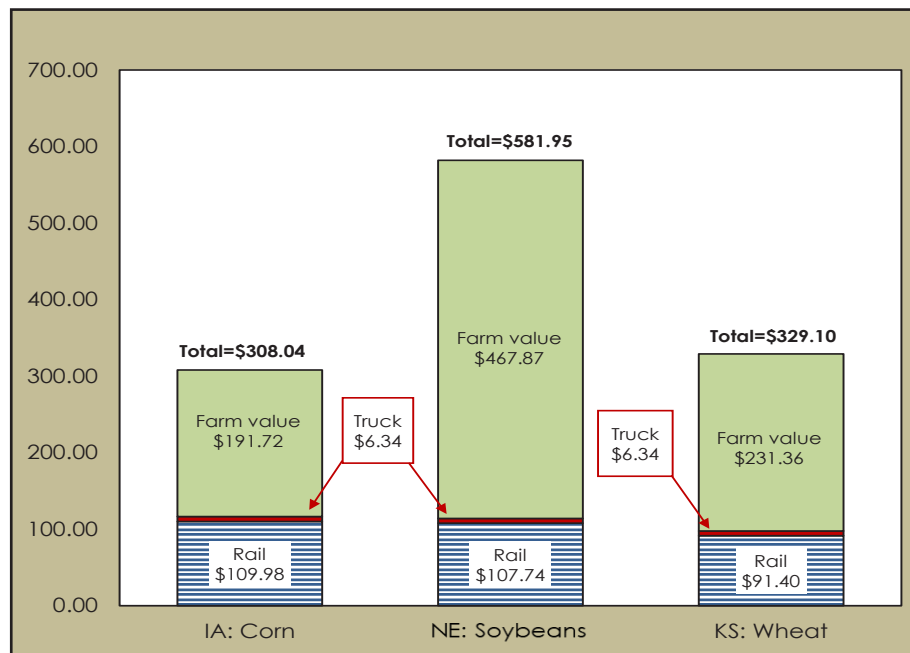


Figure 1. Fourth-quarter 2023 water-route shipment costs (\$/mt) to Veracruz, Mexico



Note: IL = Illinois; KS = Kansas.
Source: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service.

Figure 2. Fourth-quarter 2023 land-route shipment costs (\$/mt) to Guadalajara, Mexico



Note: IA = Iowa; NE = Nebraska; KS = Kansas.
Source: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service.



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QUARTERLY BULK GRAIN AND SOYBEANS

Table 2. Quarterly tariff rail rates for U.S. bulk grain shipments to Mexico (US\$/car), 2023

Commodity	Origin State	Destination	Tariff rate/car ^{1,3}					Fuel surcharge per car ²				
			1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Avg	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Avg
Wheat	MT	Chihuahua, CI	7,658	7,674	7,753	7,777	7,715	654	413	252	504	456
	OK	Cuautitlan, EM	6,863	6,877	6,948	6,970	6,915	785	553	404	643	596
	KS	Guadalajara, JA	7,578	7,593	7,672	7,695	7,635	1,338	1,137	1,059	1,250	1,196
	TX	Salinas Victoria, NL	4,397	4,406	4,451	4,465	4,430	338	248	192	283	265
Corn	IA	Guadalajara, JA	9,380	9,380	9,380	9,521	9,415	1,373	1,118	993	1,243	1,182
	SD	Celaya, GJ	8,553	8,553	8,553	8,682	8,585	856	540	330	659	596
	NE	Queretaro, QA	8,576	8,576	8,576	8,705	8,608	1,085	804	630	916	859
	SD	Salinas Victoria, NL	7,116	7,116	7,116	7,223	7,142	650	410	251	501	453
	MO	Tlalnepantla, EM	7,921	7,921	7,921	8,040	7,951	1,058	783	614	893	837
	SD	Torreon, CU	8,064	8,064	8,064	8,185	8,094	717	452	276	552	499
Soybeans	MO	Bojay (Tula), HG	8,747	8,747	8,747	8,765	8,757	1,233	1,012	908	1,123	1,069
	NE	Guadalajara, JA	9,314	9,314	9,314	9,332	9,324	1,342	1,088	962	1,212	1,151
	IA	El Castillo, JA	8,203	8,203	8,203	8,219	8,212	942	761	669	847	805
	KS	Torreon, CU	9,621	9,621	9,621	9,640	9,631	850	537	328	655	592

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²Corrections were made to previously reported rail fuel surcharge calculations.

³Approximate load per car = 97.87 mt: corn & sorghum 56 lbs/bu, wheat & soybeans 60 lbs/bu.

Sources: www.bnsf.com; www.uprr.com; www.kcsouthern.com.



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Table 3. Quarterly tariff rail rates plus fuel surcharges for U.S. bulk grain shipments to Mexico, 2023

Commodity	Origin State	Destination	Tariff ^{1,2} plus fuel surcharge per:									
			US\$/metric ton					US\$/bushel ³				
			1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Avg	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Avg
Wheat	MT	Chihuahua, CI	84.93	82.62	81.79	84.61	83.49	2.31	2.25	2.23	2.30	2.27
	OK	Cuautitlan, EM	78.15	75.92	75.12	77.78	76.74	2.13	2.07	2.04	2.12	2.09
	KS	Guadalajara, JA	91.10	89.21	89.21	91.40	90.23	2.48	2.43	2.43	2.49	2.46
	TX	Salinas Victoria, NL	48.37	47.55	47.44	48.52	47.97	1.23	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.22
Corn	IA	Guadalajara, JA	109.87	107.26	105.99	109.98	108.28	2.79	2.72	2.69	2.79	2.75
	SD	Celaya, GJ	96.14	92.91	90.76	95.44	93.81	2.44	2.36	2.31	2.42	2.38
	NE	Queretaro, QA	98.72	95.84	94.06	98.30	96.73	2.51	2.43	2.39	2.50	2.46
	SD	Salinas Victoria, NL	79.35	76.90	75.27	78.92	77.61	2.02	1.95	1.91	2.00	1.97
	MO	Tlalnepantla, EM	91.75	88.94	87.21	91.27	89.79	2.33	2.26	2.22	2.32	2.28
	SD	Torreon, CU	89.71	87.01	85.21	89.27	87.80	2.28	2.21	2.16	2.27	2.23
Soybeans	MO	Bojay (Tula), HG	101.98	99.72	98.65	101.03	100.40	2.78	2.71	2.68	2.75	2.73
	NE	Guadalajara, JA	108.88	106.29	105.00	107.74	107.03	2.96	2.89	2.86	2.93	2.91
	IA	El Castillo, JA	93.44	91.59	90.65	92.64	92.13	2.54	2.49	2.47	2.52	2.51
	KS	Torreon, CU	106.99	103.79	101.65	105.19	104.46	2.91	2.82	2.77	2.86	2.84

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Table 4. Quarterly exports of U.S. distillers' dried grains with soluble (DDGS) to Mexico*

Year	Thousand metric tons				
	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr	Total
2010	439	399	424	383	1,645
2011	506	430	476	369	1,781
2012	426	388	352	332	1,498
2013	284	329	290	381	1,285
2014	356	420	366	435	1,577
2015	497	276	413	463	1,649
2016	483	467	470	490	1,910
2017	604	475	551	551	2,181
2018	516	516	514	467	2,013
2019	410	574	475	491	1,950
2020	526	344	396	476	1,742
2021	481	647	611	644	2,383
2022	584	513	604	530	2,231
2023	534	510	621	530	2,195

*Data are for brewers' and distillers' dregs and waste, of which Distillers' Dried Grains with Soluble is a principal component.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS), Feed grains database.



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Table 5. Quarterly ocean freight rate for bulk grain shipments from the U.S. Gulf to Veracruz, Mexico

US\$/metric ton					
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2017	2nd qtr 2017	3rd qtr 2017	4th qtr 2017	Average
25,000	16.03	14.85	15.16	16.69	15.68
35-40,000	14.27	12.95	12.98	14.26	13.62
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2018	2nd qtr 2018	3rd qtr 2018	4th qtr 2018	Average
25,000	16.11	16.20	16.68	17.94	16.73
35-40,000	13.97	14.07	14.68	15.63	14.59
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2019	2nd qtr 2019	3rd qtr 2019	4th qtr 2019	Average
25,000	16.37	16.65	18.27	17.98	17.32
35-40,000	13.89	14.01	15.50	15.23	14.66
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2020	2nd qtr 2020	3rd qtr 2020	4th qtr 2020	Average
25,000	16.37	15.31	17.20	17.40	16.57
35-40,000	13.64	12.41	14.39	14.43	13.72
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2021	2nd qtr 2021	3rd qtr 2021	4th qtr 2021	Average
25,000	22.56	27.14	30.33	27.66	26.92
35-40,000	19.19	23.75	27.68	25.23	23.96
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2022	2nd qtr 2022	3rd qtr 2022	4th qtr 2022	Average
25,000	25.81	30.00	27.12	24.42	26.84
35-40,000	22.51	26.27	23.33	20.73	23.21
Vessel capacity (metric ton)	1st qtr 2023	2nd qtr 2023	3rd qtr 2023	4th qtr 2023	Average
25,000	22.39	22.53	21.19	22.49	22.15
35-40,000	18.75	19.14	18.48	19.74	19.03

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Table 6. Fruit and vegetable truck rates for shipments between 501 to 1,500 miles crossing the U.S.-Mexico border

US\$/mile					
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2015	2nd qtr 2015	3rd qtr 2015	4th qtr 2015	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.41	2.5	1.4	1.94	2.06
Pharr, Texas	2.26	2.24	1.93	1.97	2.1
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2016	2nd qtr 2016	3rd qtr 2016	4th qtr 2016	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.14	2.19	1.27	1.76	1.84
Pharr, Texas	2.03	2.03	1.82	1.89	1.94
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2017	2nd qtr 2017	3rd qtr 2017	4th qtr 2017	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.05	2.32	2.45	2.38	2.3
Pharr, Texas	2.19	2.21	2	2.36	2.19
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2018	2nd qtr 2018	3rd qtr 2018	4th qtr 2018	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.92	3.21	2.75	2.47	2.84
Pharr, Texas	2.95	3.13	2.27	2.34	2.67
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2019	2nd qtr 2019	3rd qtr 2019	4th qtr 2019	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.52	2.7	2.52	2.21	2.49
Pharr, Texas	2.45	2.28	2.04	2.23	2.25
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2020	2nd qtr 2020	3rd qtr 2020	4th qtr 2020	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.53	2.55	2.16	2.81	2.51
Pharr, Texas	2.49	2.25	2.35	2.88	2.49
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2021	2nd qtr 2021	3rd qtr 2021	4th qtr 2021	Average
Nogales, Arizona	3.16	3.9	2.1	3.28	3.11
Pharr, Texas	2.93	3.19	2.9	3.44	3.11
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2022	2nd qtr 2022	3rd qtr 2022	4th qtr 2022	Average
Nogales, Arizona	3.66	3.44	2.86	2.92	3.22
Pharr, Texas	3.77	3.5	3.01	3.08	3.34
Origin/border crossing	1st qtr 2023	2nd qtr 2023	3rd qtr 2023	4th qtr 2023	Average
Nogales, Arizona	2.87	2.92	2.62	2.47	2.72
Pharr, Texas	3.1	2.9	2.81	2.79	2.9

Source: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Specialty Crops Program, Market News Division.



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Table 7. Quarterly U.S.-Mexico border crossing fresh fruit and vegetables truck availability

4th quarter 2023														
Legend:		1 = Surplus	2 = Slight surplus	3 = Adequate	4 = Slight shortage	5 = Shortage								
Truck availability														
Mexico border crossings/month		October					November				December			
Week ending		10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28	12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26
Through Nogales, AZ	Cantalopes, Squash, Cucumbers, Mangoes, Honeydew, Watermelons	3	NA	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4
Through TX	Oranges, Grapefruit, Limes, Mangoes, Papaya, Peppers, Cucumbers, Vegetables	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2

Note: NA = not available.

Source: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Specialty Crop Program, Market News Division, Fruit and Vegetable Truck Rate Report.

Table 8. Top ten commodities shipped by truck to the U.S. from Mexico, 2023 (1,000 metric tons)

Commodity	4th qtr 2023	Rank
Avocados	320	1
Cucumbers	217	2
Tomatoes, plum type	212	3
Watermelons, seedless	200	4
Tomatoes	173	5
Peppers, other	165	6
Limes	163	7
Squash	131	8
Peppers, bell type	115	9
Misc tropical	90	10

Source: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Specialty Crops Program, Market News Division.



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Table 9. Top five commodities shipped by truck to the U.S. from Mexico (10,000 lbs)

Commodity	1st qtr 2016	2nd qtr 2016	3rd qtr 2016	4th qtr 2016	Total 2016
Tomatoes (all varieties)	131,455	89,313	51,983	66,534	339,285
Peppers (all varieties)	61,450	40,970	33,631	65,270	201,321
Avocados	60,241	37,679	34,993	40,457	173,370
Watermelons	21,726	85,723	7,560	33,670	148,679
Cucumbers	48,999	32,842	14,670	39,803	136,314
Subtotal	323,871	286,527	142,837	245,734	998,969
Other	270,078	265,393	157,375	201,602	894,448
Total	593,949	551,920	300,212	447,336	1,893,417
Commodity	1st qtr 2017	2nd qtr 2017	3rd qtr 2017	4th qtr 2017	Total 2017
Tomatoes (all varieties)	107,852	82,194	49,088	73,166	312,300
Peppers (all varieties)	67,566	38,714	31,137	59,172	196,589
Avocados	49,565	36,996	32,133	47,015	165,709
Cucumbers	47,336	32,892	16,064	44,415	140,707
Watermelons	31,890	68,086	5,264	33,293	138,533
Subtotal	304,209	258,882	133,686	257,061	953,838
Other	291,177	291,747	170,323	205,516	958,763
Total	595,386	550,629	304,009	462,577	1,912,601
Commodity	1st qtr 2018	2nd qtr 2018	3rd qtr 2018	4th qtr 2018	Total 2018
Tomatoes (all varieties)	105,364	79,851	49,278	62,478	296,971
Avocados	74,252	46,390	35,103	57,726	213,471
Peppers	55,189	49,914	35,246	49,781	190,130
Watermelons	51,964	36,452	14,131	43,288	145,835
Cucumbers	28,829	75,429	6,062	27,782	138,102
Subtotal	315,598	288,036	139,820	241,055	984,509
Other	296,266	281,580	156,781	205,426	940,053
Total	611,864	569,616	296,601	446,481	1,924,562
Commodity	1st qtr 2019	2nd qtr 2019	3rd qtr 2019	4th qtr 2019	Total 2019
Tomatoes (all varieties)	95,760	78,123	55,836	69,366	299,085
Peppers (all varieties)	65,865	45,479	38,006	56,847	206,197
Avocados	57,162	25,622	42,135	58,520	183,439
Cucumbers	24,868	88,165	11,138	30,506	154,677
Watermelons	48,614	34,729	18,919	41,334	143,596
Subtotal	292,269	272,118	166,034	256,573	986,994
Other	272,760	262,948	182,481	213,013	931,202
Total	565,029	535,066	348,515	469,586	1,918,196

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Commodity	1st qtr 2020	2nd qtr 2020	3rd qtr 2020	4th qtr 2020	Total 2020
Tomatoes (all varieties)	105,181	82,796	66,804	83,797	334,784
Peppers (all varieties)	72,764	47,080	39,078	60,235	217,633
Avocados	58,796	48,461	45,480	63,907	217,195
Cucumbers	51,075	71,858	12,878	47,328	154,587
Watermelons	33,236	3,6687	20,722	38,603	150,683
Subtotal	32,1052	28,6882	184,962	293,870	1,074,882
Other	287,121	304,600	191,721	241,370	1,028,093
Total	608,173	591,482	376,683	535,240	2,102,975
Commodity	1st qtr 2021	2nd qtr 2021	3rd qtr 2021	4th qtr 2021	Total 2021
Tomatoes (all varieties)	119,801	90,736	77,009	87,045	374,591
Peppers (all varieties)	85,890	57,801	42,944	67,413	254,048
Avocados	74,254	58,525	44,100	60,319	237,198
Cucumbers	54,355	81,417	31,188	51,131	184,903
Watermelons	38,041	48,229	14,332	34,991	15,607
Subtotal	372,341	336,708	209,573	300,899	1,208,347
Other	338,366	364,523	232,163	247,863	1,181,488
Total	710,707	701,231	441,736	548,762	2,389,835
Commodity	1st qtr 2022	2nd qtr 2022	3rd qtr 2022	4th qtr 2022	Total 2022
Tomatoes (all varieties)	107,847	94,495	84,287	92,668	379,297
Peppers (all varieties)	79,451	53,250	39,669	54,831	227,201
Avocados	58,684	39,754	43,174	63,620	205,232
Watermelons	55,289	48,494	30,653	45,636	180,072
Cucumbers	26,762	70,132	8,979	36,822	142,695
Subtotal	328,033	306,125	206,762	293,577	1,134,497
Other	345,147	366,998	234,550	271,000	1,217,695
Total	673,180	673,123	441,312	564,577	2,352,192
Commodity	1st qtr 2023	2nd qtr 2023	3rd qtr 2023	4th qtr 2023	Total 2023
Tomatoes (all varieties)	114,171	105,170	81,005	87,735	388,081
Peppers (all varieties)	80,619	64,589	38,182	64,021	246,738
Avocados	75,768	64,800	42,149	56,031	239,421
Cucumbers	62,605	53,187	33,333	43,433	192,558
Squash	35,477	74,173	12,111	41,186	161,543
Subtotal	368,640	361,919	206,780	292,406	1,228,341
Other	366,744	406,507	230,644	239,094	1,244,393
Total	735,384	768,426	437,424	531,500	2,472,734

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