

## Pantry panic

From flour to eggs to rice, prices have skyrocketed in the past year for many staples. All prices are per pound unless noted.

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Percent change, July to July
Potato chips	2007	\$3.36	\$3.42	\$3.49	\$3.48	\$3.51	\$3.47	\$3.51	\$3.61	\$3.56	\$3.64	\$3.67	\$3.65	
	<b>2008</b>	\$3.53	\$3.76	\$3.77	\$3.89	\$3.84	\$4.06	\$4.16						18%
Creamy peanut butter	2007	\$1.77	\$1.77	\$1.72	\$1.75	\$1.74	\$1.74	\$1.76	\$1.76	\$1.83	\$1.85	\$1.86	\$1.88	
	<b>2008</b>	\$1.94	\$1.96	\$1.94	\$1.98	\$2.00	\$2.04	\$2.00						14%
White sugar	2007	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.49	\$0.49	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.49	\$0.48	\$0.48	
	<b>2008</b>	\$0.50	\$0.49	\$0.48	\$0.50	\$0.49	\$0.50	\$0.50						-1%
Dried beans	2007	\$0.87	\$0.85	\$0.87	\$0.91	\$0.95	\$0.96	\$0.97	\$0.97	\$0.99	\$0.97	\$1.00	\$1.01	
	<b>2008</b>	\$1.01	\$1.07	\$1.06	\$1.09	\$1.17	\$1.21	\$1.23						27%
Orange juice concentrate	2007	\$2.31	\$2.41	\$2.46	\$2.52	\$2.46	\$2.51	\$2.54	\$2.57	\$2.59	\$2.57	\$2.56	\$2.53	
	<b>2008</b>	\$2.54	\$2.53	\$2.54	\$2.56	\$2.53	\$2.53	\$2.50						-1%
Fresh tomatoes	2007	\$1.62	\$1.64	\$1.56	\$1.63	\$1.69	\$1.51	\$1.49	\$1.49	\$1.50	\$1.65	\$1.85	\$2.15	
	<b>2008</b>	\$2.03	\$1.74	\$1.84	\$1.77	\$1.68	\$1.81	\$1.71						15%
Iceberg lettuce	2007	\$0.93	\$0.92	\$0.92	\$0.99	\$0.88	\$0.86	\$0.85	\$0.88	\$0.93	\$1.07	\$0.99	\$0.95	
	<b>2008</b>	\$0.95	\$0.90	\$0.87	\$0.90	\$0.87	\$0.86	\$0.88						3%
White potatoes	2007	\$0.52	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.52	
	<b>2008</b>	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.60	\$0.67						23%
Bananas	2007	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.50	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53	
	<b>2008</b>	\$0.52	\$0.54	\$0.60	\$0.63	\$0.63	\$0.63	\$0.63						23%
Ice cream, half gallon	2007	\$4.03	\$4.02	\$3.97	\$3.79	\$3.88	\$3.88	\$3.83	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.94	\$4.23	\$4.08	
	<b>2008</b>	\$4.14	\$4.04	\$4.10	\$4.20	\$4.08	\$4.07	\$4.17						9%
American cheese	2007	\$3.77	\$3.71	\$3.77	\$3.73	\$3.74	\$3.63	\$3.76	\$3.97	\$4.05	\$4.16	\$3.88	\$3.91	
	<b>2008</b>	\$3.99	\$4.06	\$4.01	\$3.88	\$3.94	\$3.93	\$4.18						11%
Whole milk, gallon	2007	\$3.07	\$3.08	\$3.07	\$3.14	\$3.26	\$3.43	\$3.74	\$3.81	\$3.84	\$3.84	\$3.90	\$3.87	
	<b>2008</b>	\$3.87	\$3.87	\$3.78	\$3.80	\$3.76	\$3.77	\$3.96						6%
Eggs, grade A large, dozen	2007	\$1.55	\$1.75	\$1.63	\$1.62	\$1.50	\$1.37	\$1.50	\$1.63	\$1.83	\$1.77	\$1.86	\$2.10	
	<b>2008</b>	\$2.18	\$2.17	\$2.20	\$2.07	\$1.93	\$1.92	\$2.01						34%
Chicken, fresh	2007	\$1.03	\$1.04	\$1.06	\$1.12	\$1.12	\$1.13	\$1.13	\$1.15	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.16	\$1.17	
	<b>2008</b>	\$1.16	\$1.16	\$1.17	\$1.18	\$1.19	\$1.18	\$1.19						5%
Bologna	2007	\$2.37	\$2.29	\$2.27	\$2.41	\$2.41	\$2.47	\$2.43	\$2.50	\$2.49	\$2.53	\$2.66	\$2.52	
	<b>2008</b>	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.61	\$2.64	\$2.61	\$2.52	\$2.48						2%
Ground beef	2007	\$2.19	\$2.30	\$2.29	\$2.25	\$2.31	\$2.33	\$2.37	\$2.40	\$2.37	\$2.26	\$2.29	\$2.23	
	<b>2008</b>	\$2.33	\$2.38	\$2.29	\$2.32	\$2.31	\$2.27	\$2.26						-5%
White bread	2007	\$1.15	\$1.17	\$1.16	\$1.20	\$1.19	\$1.19	\$1.21	\$1.21	\$1.21	\$1.27	\$1.24	\$1.28	
	<b>2008</b>	\$1.28	\$1.32	\$1.35	\$1.37	\$1.37	\$1.37	\$1.38						14%
Spaghetti and macaroni	2007	\$0.86	\$0.90	\$0.91	\$0.93	\$0.86	\$0.88	\$0.89	\$0.87	\$0.87	\$0.85	\$0.84	\$0.85	
	<b>2008</b>	\$1.02	\$1.10	\$1.08	\$1.12	\$1.10	\$1.12	\$1.15						29%
White rice, long grain	2007	\$0.56	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.54	\$0.53	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.54	\$0.55	
	<b>2008</b>	\$0.57	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.61	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.80						45%
All-purpose flour	2007	\$0.35	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.39	\$0.40	
	<b>2008</b>	\$0.42	\$0.46	\$0.49	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.54						54%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, all urban areas