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Thread: [Yall feeling it?](#)

Yin Yang - May 18, 2026, 6:17 am

“Grocery prices jumped more in April than they did in nearly four years” ?

I've basically stopped buying beef and steak lately. But even beyond meat, even simple staples like eggs, cheese, bread, etc. feel noticeably more expensive now.

Are there any foods or items you've started avoiding when shopping because of the prices?

Mercury - May 18, 2026, 6:31 am

I've been fortunate in the sense that I haven't had to start avoiding specific items, but we definitely have been focusing more on essentials as opposed to unnecessary items like soda for example. It's awful how expensive everything has become. The economy is absolutely fucked.

Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 6:32 am

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Mercury - May 18, 2026, 6:33 am

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Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 6:35 am

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Edmond Dantes - May 18, 2026, 6:54 am

Everything is extremely expensive, I try to buy things that are on sale from now on. Gas prices going up will force everyone to increase prices on products. And worst part is that even if gas price goes back to normal, I don't think food prices will drop.

Yin Yang - May 18, 2026, 7:33 am

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Reasonableman89 - May 18, 2026, 8:41 am

I bought gas yesterday and the price was insane. it's been up for a while now without a price reduction in sight.

Deany - May 18, 2026, 9:11 am

I'm about to just starve and eat my gunpla boxes

DAL-SHA - May 18, 2026, 9:38 am

Inflation is a killer , on the long run this is insanity ! The prices only go up ! ?