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Headline: How Far \$100 Goes at the Grocery Store After Five Years of Food Inflation

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Summary: Grocery prices were up 1% in February from a year earlier, Labor Department data show. They were up 10.2% in February 2023 versus a year earlier, and were up 1.2% in February 2019 from a year earlier. Prices for hundreds of grocery items have increased more than 50% since 2019 as food companies raised their prices. Executives have said that higher prices were needed to offset their own rising costs for ingredients, transportation, and labor.

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