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Gasoline	50	2
Basket Cost		1,000

# Prices Today

30

75

1500

1

2,000

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Cost of the Basket **Base**  $\times 100$



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$$1,000 \times 100$$

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