

California's Growers Bear Brunt of Drought Woes

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California's historic drought is forcing farmers in the dominant produce-growing state to fallow hundreds of thousands of acres and spend millions of dollars to access water. Yet U.S. grocery shoppers are barely feeling an impact.

Average retail prices for fresh fruits are down 3% so far this year and vegetables are up 1%, according to federal data. That compares with a nearly 2% gain in overall U.S. food prices.

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