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Cost To Give Thanks Rises

UNDATED (AP) - Giving thanks will be a little costlier this year, but it probably will not empty your wallet.

The price for putting Thanksgiving dinner on the table is expected to rise slightly this year, to about \$49.41.

That's 37 cents higher than in 2013. The increase is blamed on the higher price of dairy. The dairy used for the mashed potatoes and the whipped cream for pies is about 25 cents more than in 2013.

Miscellaneous ingredients, such as coffee, sugar and eggs, account for another 28 cents, while 3 pounds of sweet potatoes jumped 20 cents.

The good news is that a drop in fuel prices won't just make it cheaper to drive to Grandma's house for the big meal, it also has helped keep down the cost of some ingredients. Flour-based foods, such as stuffing mix, pie shells and dinner rolls, will run about 21 cents less than last year.

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