

## **USDA: Food price increases will return to historical norms in 2014**

The food consumer price index is expected to return to the historical norm of a 2.5% to 3.5% rise in 2014, up from 1.4% in 2013, according to USDA economists. The USDA says drought in California could lead to higher prices for fruits, vegetables, dairy and eggs, while the Great American Group reports that a lower-than-normal cattle supply will increase beef prices. [FoodNavigator](#) (3/1)