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### The Economy

12-month percentage change, Consumer Price Index, selected categories, May 2025, not seasonally adjusted

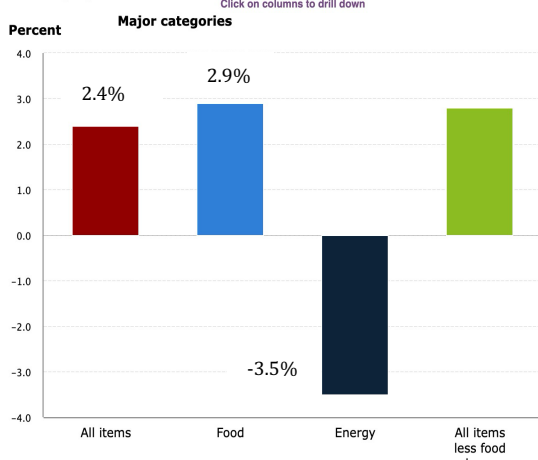
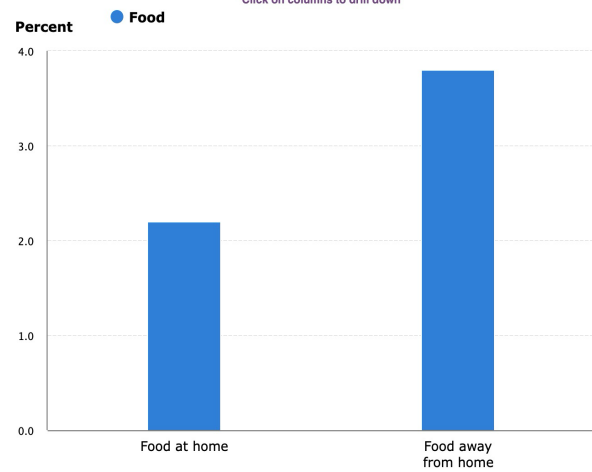


Figure 1 Twelve-month CPI Change

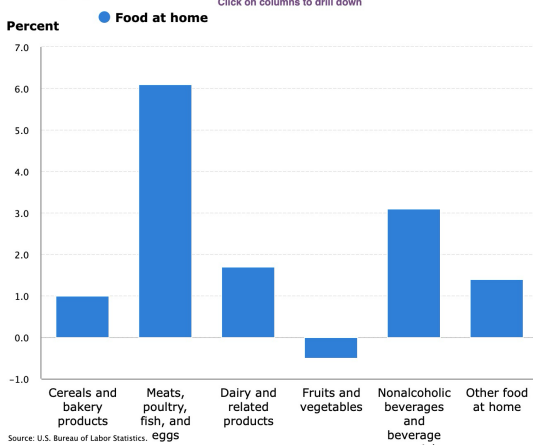
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 2 Change in Food CPI

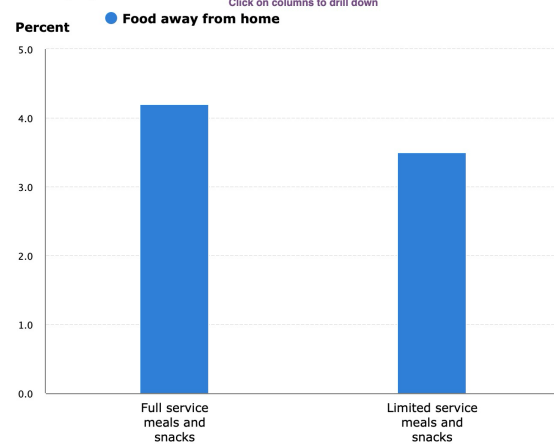
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Figure 3 Food at Home

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Figure 4 Food Away From Home

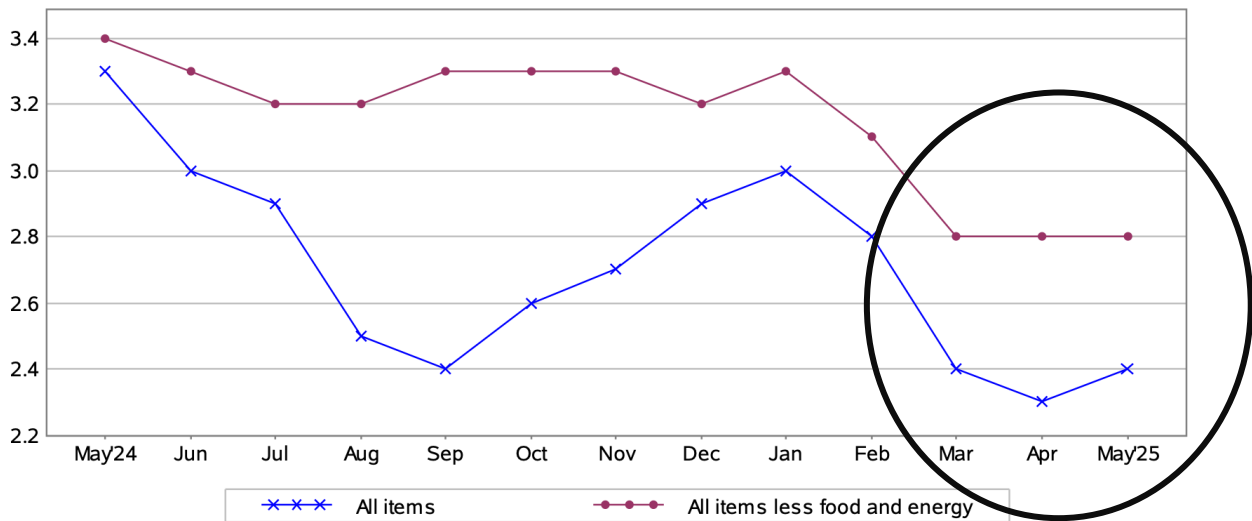


Figure 5 12-month % change in CPI

Source: BLS

Cost of food increased 2.9% YoY, while *Food at Home* increased 2.2% and *Food away from home* increased 3.8%, mostly driven by the increase in food consumed at full-service (sit-down) restaurants. *Food at home* increase was mostly driven by the continued increase in the cost of eggs and meats (6.1%).

### Bakersfield Breakfast Barometer

Item	Q	Price (Jun '25)	Cost		Percent Change
			June '24	June '25	
<b>Toast</b>	2	\$5.04/ loaf	\$0.63	\$0.63	0%
<b>Butter</b>	1 tbs	\$6.36/ lb	\$0.22	\$0.20	-10%
<b>Egg</b>	1	\$6.78/dozen	\$0.38	\$0.57	+50%
<b>Bacon</b>	2 slices	\$10.71/ 16 oz	\$1.08	\$1.53	+42%
<b>Orange Juice</b>	8 oz	\$5.38/ 52 oz	\$0.69	\$0.83	21%
<b>Coffee</b>	8 oz	\$20.01/33.7oz	\$0.06	\$0.09	50%
<b>Cream</b>	0.4 oz	\$4.28/ 32 oz	\$0.05	\$0.05	0%
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3.11</b>	<b>\$3.89</b>	<b>25%</b>

Table 1: Breakfast Cost

As displayed above in Table 1, the cost of *Food at home* in Bakersfield increased by 25%, compared to the same time last year (YoY) much higher than the nationwide increase in the same. The primary driver here was the increase in the local price of eggs and bacon, which has been much higher than the average price nationwide.

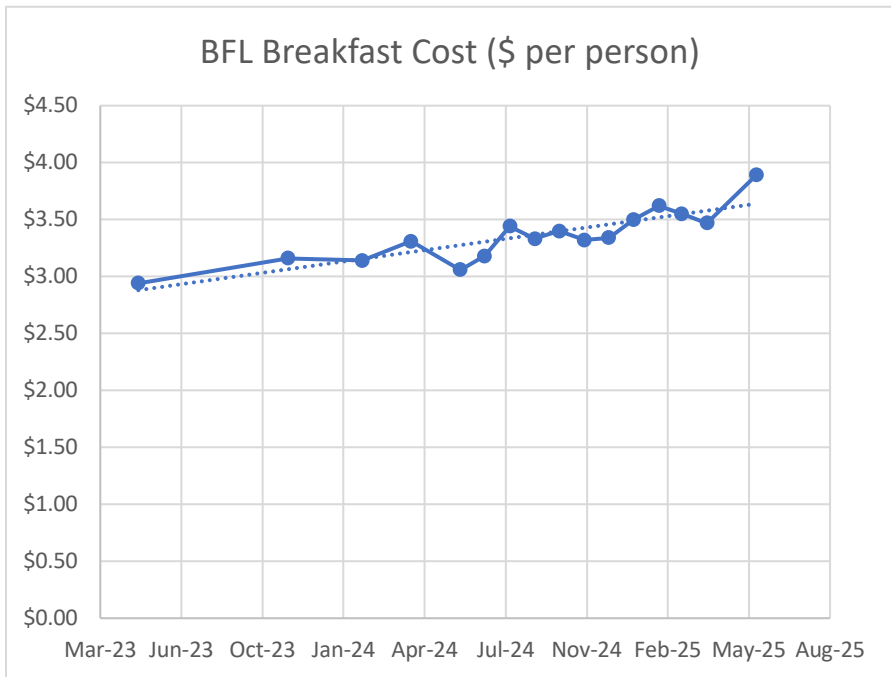


Figure 6 shows the cost of breakfast in Bakersfield over the last twenty months. The YOY increase in the barometer is 25%. The general trend in this cost has been increasing over this period, reflecting the same situation nationwide.

Figure 6 BBB over time

### Trade and Tariffs

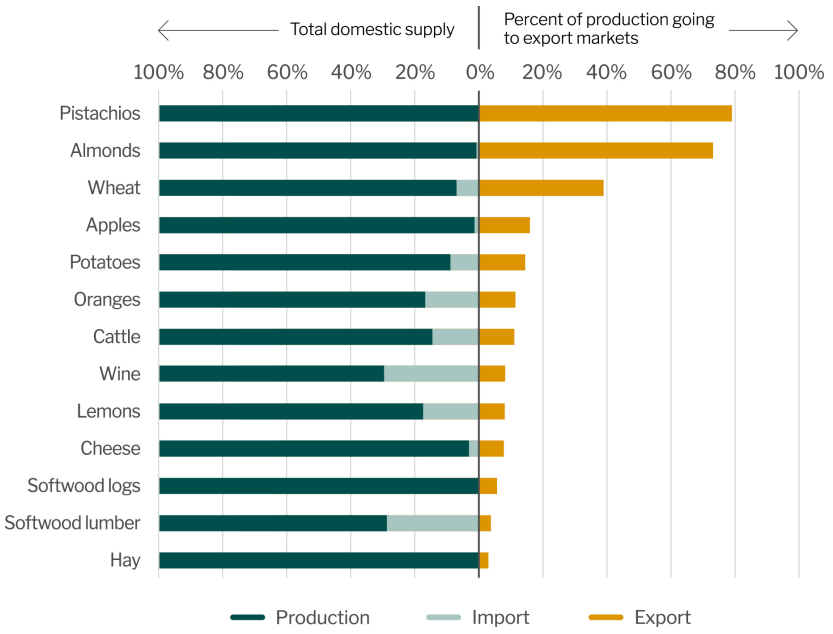
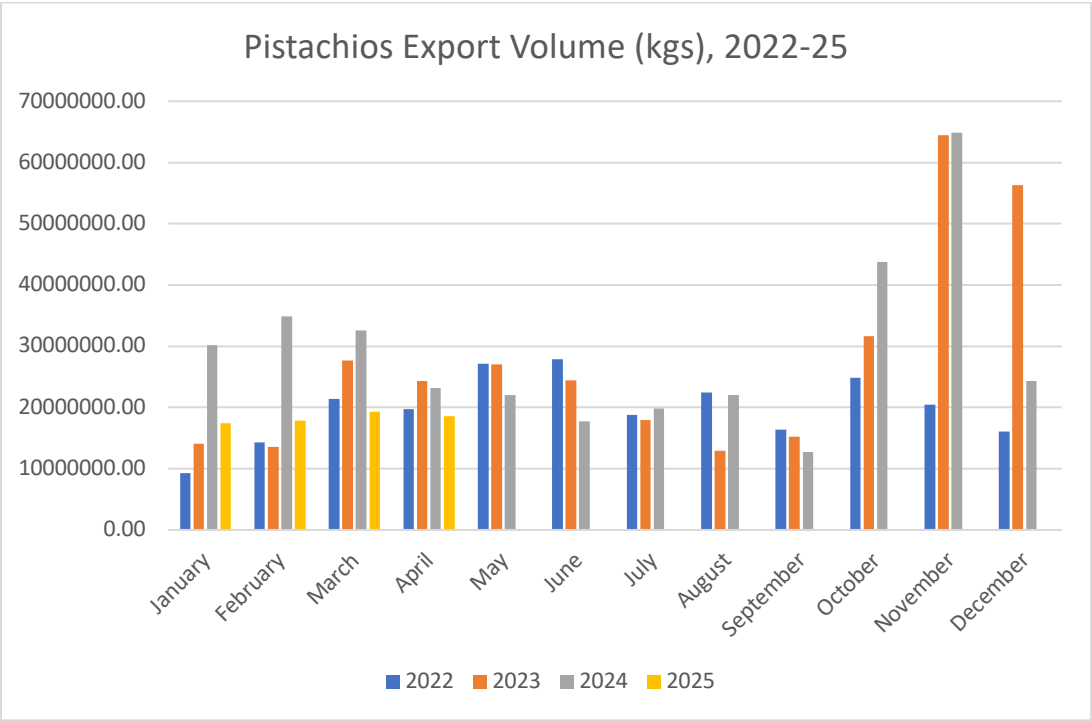
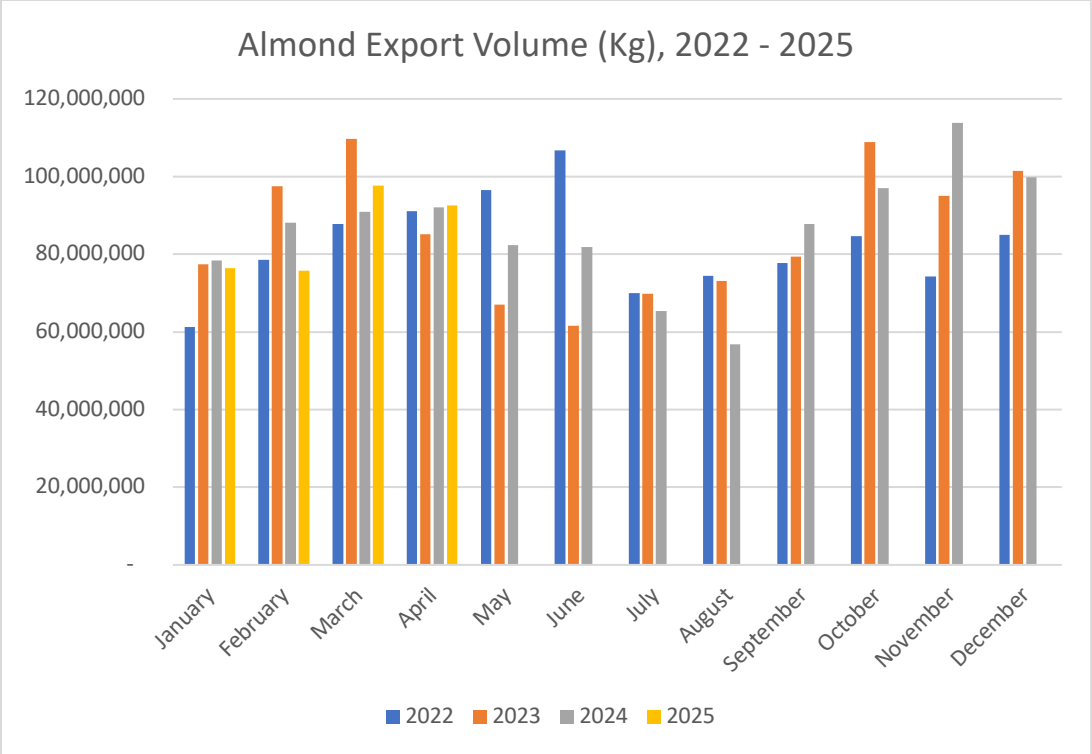


Figure 7 displays the importance of trade for various commodities. Kern's two top commodities rely heavily on exports.

Figure 7 Production and Imports for commodities

Source: AgWest FC



Tariff policy has been unusually volatile in the past six months. April’s U.S. “reciprocal” 10% baseline tariff prompted a rapid sequence of foreign responses and temporary truces.

- Almond exports relatively stable, going back six months.

- Pistachios exports decreased by 17% in the first quarter of 2025, compared to the average of first quarter exports over the last three years. Some of this is due to retaliatory tariffs imposed by China and some due to lower demand in EU.

### Tariffs through June 2025

Region	Tariff	Time Period	Impact on Kern Exports
US	10% universal tariff on all imports (plus a 20 % surcharge on China & Hong Kong)	Apr 2025 – present	Led to retaliatory rounds; raised input costs for packaging and machinery
China	a) Raised nut tariffs to 125% (Apr) then b) cut to 10 % for a 90-day pause (May)	Apr 12 – Aug 2025	April shipments to China decreased;
India	Negotiating duty cuts on U.S. almonds & pistachios (tariff currently 35% almonds / 30% pistachios)	Talks announced 28 Mar 2025; final deal expected fall 2025	Exports lower
EU	25% retaliatory tariff on U.S. almonds scheduled but not yet in force (set for 1 Dec 2025)	May 30, 2025	Possible purchase from Australia instead
Turkey	rates fluctuate 20–45 %	Jan 2025	U.S. almond shipments to Turkey down 13% YTD.