

Sam Brannan's

SACRAMENTO STORE



How Much Is It?

The sudden increase in population quickly raised the price of goods in gold rush towns. See if you can guess how much each item would cost in today's money! Below is a real price list for items for sale in Sam Brannan's Sacramento store. Keep in mind that, on a good day, a miner would walk away with gold worth \$6-10.

	1850s Price	Today's Price		1850s Price	Today's Price
1 pound of coffee	\$0.55		Mule or horse	\$150.00	
1 egg	\$0.85		Boots	\$40.00	
Fruit	\$0.50		Pick	\$25.00	
Pan for gold	\$10.00				

Tip: \$1 in 1850 is worth roughly \$28.30 today.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Why do you think an item as simple as a pan is so much more expensive than coffee or fruit?