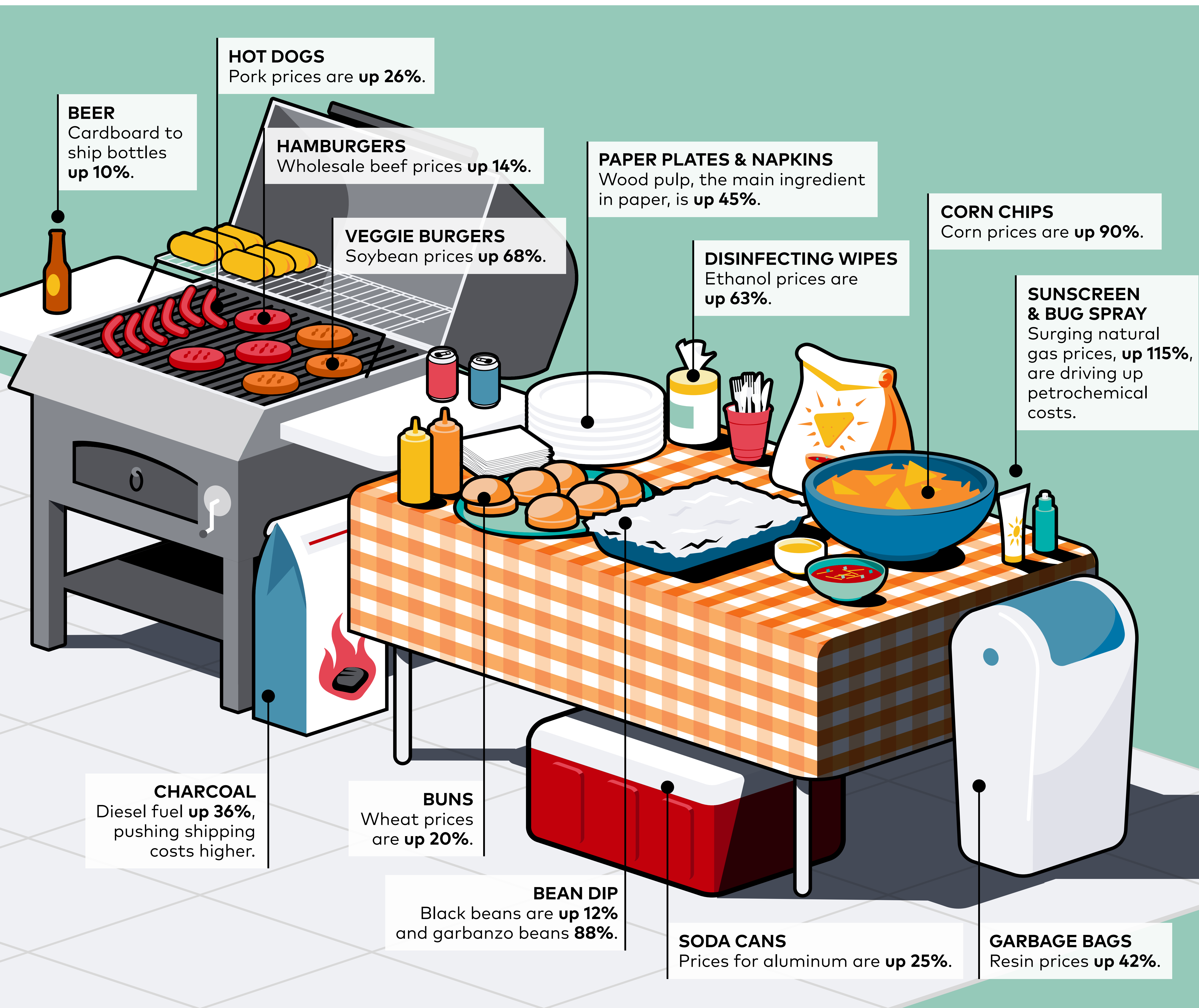


Behind the BBQ

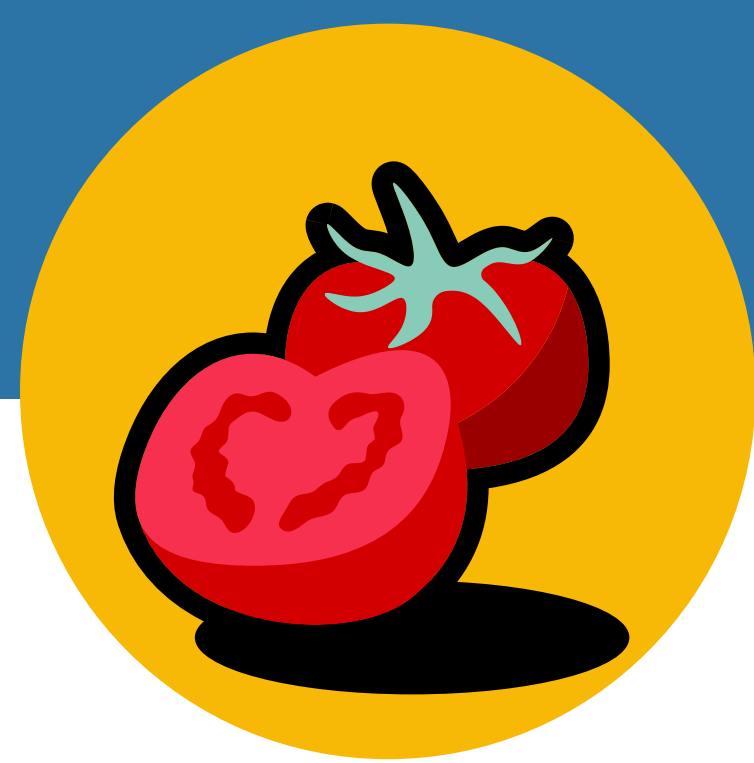


A lot goes into making your favorite products. Today, unprecedented demand, a pandemic, winter storms, port delays, shipping challenges and rising commodity prices mean it is costing more to produce and deliver this summer's BBQ essentials.



What's heating up costs to make your favorite products?

The products on the table may be different, but the root causes of rising costs are the same. Every link in the supply chain is stressed from relentless demand — demand that will linger long after grilling season is over.



INGREDIENTS

The producer price index, which tracks more than 1,500 ingredients and inputs, was double economists' expectations in April.



PACKAGING

Packaging costs — from glass to cardboard — are up more than 50% since the start of the pandemic.



LABOR

Even with wages increasing, there is a labor shortage: 572K manufacturing jobs are waiting to be filled.



SHIPPING

With per-mile truckload prices up 8.1% in the last year and diesel costs rising by \$0.86/gallon, trucking goods to consumers costs more.



Ease the Squeeze

Washington should act now to ease the squeeze on American families. Here are five actions the government can immediately take to lower cost pressures.

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