

# FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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## USDA TURKEY AND TURKEY PRODUCTS PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase deli-style turkey breasts, deli-style smoked turkey breasts, young whole turkeys, bulk pack, turkey roasts, and smoked turkey hams for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for young turkey in one or more of the following forms:

Deli-Style Turkey Breasts (233040) - Frozen fully cooked deli-style turkey breasts, produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each deli-style turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in a shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bag or casing, and packed with four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) deli-style turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. Each deli-style turkey breast must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and no more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Deli-Style Smoked Turkey Breasts (233140) - Frozen fully cooked deli-style smoked turkey breasts, produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each deli-style smoked turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in a shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bag or casing, and be packed with four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) deli-style smoked turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. Each deli-style smoked turkey breast must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and not more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Consumer Pack (233260) - Consumer packaged, frozen young turkeys without necks and giblets, basting optional. Turkeys must weigh not less than 12 pounds (5.44 kg) and not more than 22 pounds (9.98 kg) per carcass weighed without necks and giblets. Turkeys must be packed with not more than four turkeys weighing up to 14 pounds (6.35 kg) per container or not more than two turkeys weighing over 14 pounds (6.35 kg) per container. The difference between individual carcass weights per container must be no more than 2 pounds (0.91 kg). The 2-pound (0.91 kg) increments must be: 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20, or 20-22 pounds. (Metric equivalency of increments: 5.44-6.35, 6.35-7.26, 7.26-8.16, 8.16-9.07, and 9.07-9.98 kg). A purchase unit will total 38,000 pounds (17,237 kg).

Bulk Pack (233390) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled young turkeys without necks and giblets, nonbasted. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The individual turkey weight range must be 18 pounds (8.16 kg) and up per carcass weighed without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Turkey and Turkey Products dated March 2007. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Roasts (233648) - Frozen ready-to-cook turkey roasts must weigh not less than 8 pounds (3.63 kg) and not more than 12 pounds (5.44 kg). Roasts must be packaged in elasticized netting and moisture-proof casings or plastic-film bags and packed four roasts per fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Smoked Turkey Ham (234040) - Frozen smoked turkey hams produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook turkey thigh meat. Hams must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and not more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg), be vacuum packaged in shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bags or casings, and be packed four hams per fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

As part of the long-term contract program, two invitations will be issued in the near future for deliveries from July 1 through Dec. 31. Invitation No. 1, for turkey roasts, will invite offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, April 9. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Wednesday, April 17. Invitation No. 2, for consumer pack, smoked turkey hams, deli-style turkey breasts, and deli-style smoked turkey breasts, will invite offers due Wednesday, April 18. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Friday, April 27. Subsequent invitations will be issued.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

There are some important changes to this year's program. With the exception of bulk turkey, all products must not be processed more than 90 calendar days prior to the first date of the delivery period. Frozen meat used in the production of roasts, hams, and deli-style turkey breasts may be held not more than 180 days in frozen storage. Truck seals shall meet the American Society for Testing and Materials standards, and seals shall be 1/8-inch in diameter, high-security bolts, or equivalent. Additionally, food defense plans will be audited by the USDA AMS Grading Branch prior to contract award. Potential Contractors will receive written notification from the Contracting Officer of their eligibility to bid. Contractors may request the Contracting Officer waive the pre-award audit.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-321; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specifications for Turkey and Turkey Products, Smoked Turkey Ham, Deli-Style Turkey Breasts and Deli-Style Smoked Turkey Breasts dated March 2007; and Invitations No. 1 and 2.

Consumer pack whole turkeys, turkey roasts, turkey hams, and deli-style turkey breasts and deli-style smoked turkey breasts are for preparation and consumption in their present forms by recipients. Bulk pack turkey will be purchased for delivery to a processor and is for conversion to further-processed products in accordance with a contract with recipients.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world-wide-web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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