

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, consumer pack turkeys, bulk pack turkeys, 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 not 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).

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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 fully cooked smoked turkey hams produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook turkey thigh meat. Four approximately 10-pound (4.54 kg) hams must be vacuum packaged in shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bags or casings, and be packed four hams per fiberboard shipping container to a net weight of 40 pounds (18.16 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Smoked Turkey Ham (Small Pack) (234140) - Frozen fully cooked smoked turkey hams produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook turkey thigh meat. Twenty approximately 2-pound (0.91 kg) hams must be vacuum packaged in shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bags or casings and be packed in a fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

As part of the long-term contract program, an invitation will be issued in the near future for deliveries from July 1 through Nov. 15. Invitation No. 1, for deli-style turkey breasts, deli-style smoked turkey breasts, consumer pack, turkey roasts, and smoked turkey hams, will invite offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, April 14. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Wednesday, April 18. 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. Under the food defense requirements, all nonconformances listed in the audit report must be addressed in writing within 14 days to the Contracting Officer. Plans must also have been audited since February 7, 2008. The 2008 Commodity Specification for Smoked Turkey Ham revises the weights for individual hams and the formulation to include regular and lite salt. It also removes the weight variations on each delivery unit.

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 Announcement PY-331; Appendix-1; the 2008 Commodity Specification for Smoked Turkey Ham; the March 2007 Commodity Specifications for Turkey and Turkey Products, and Deli-Style Turkey Breasts and Deli-Style Smoked Turkey Breasts; and Invitation No. 1.

Deli-style turkey breasts and deli-style smoked turkey breasts, consumer pack whole turkeys, turkey roasts, and turkey hams 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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