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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Or use the article at <https://iaitc.co/Thanksgiving2023>

Use the article titled: Look forward to a more affordable Thanksgiving meal this year.

**Questions**

1. Describe the meal that the survey is based upon.
2. What is the total cost for Thanksgiving for 10 in total and per person?
3. What is the main reason for a decrease in the price this year?
4. What changed from 2022 to 2023 to see the drop in price?
5. What product went up the most over last year and how is this important to Illinois?
6. Why does the economist that put this survey together think Pumpkin and dinner rolls have increased?
7. What is the average cost for the dinner in the Midwest? How does this compare to the national survey? Why is this?
8. Roughly 50% of the cost of a dinner is toward the turkey. How could you save funds and still have a great celebration?
9. What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving Dinner? Why?

**Answers**

1. Turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray and pumpkin pie with whipped cream to serve 10 people.
2. $61.17 or $6.12 per person.
3. The decrease in turkey prices.
4. Avian Influenza, which impacted turkey production has been reduced.
5. Pumpkin Pie Mix is us 3.7%; and IL grows more pumpkins than any other state.
6. Thought the cost of pumpkin and wheat didn’t go up, marketing, transportation, processing, advertising, labor to get it from whole product to something that can be bought in a can contributes to the increasing cost.
7. Midwest $58.66, the cheapest overall region. Many of the top production states for Thanksgiving staples like turkey, cranberries and pumpkins are in the Midwest and have lower transportation costs.
8. Suggestions include a smaller turkey, and increased position of less expensive side dishes. Additionally shop for store brands and shop at multiple stores.
9. Answers will vary