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The price of a tom turkey is 33 percent higher than a year ago, soaring from an average of 79 cents to \$1.05 a pound, according to figures compiled by The Food Institute. That adds about \$4 to the price of a 16-pound bird.

Add to that a 17 percent increase in the price of potatoes (from \$3.50 to \$4 for a 5-pound bag) and a 41 percent jump in the price of pecan halves (from \$4.25 to \$6 per pound), and you'll probably shell out more at the supermarket for your holiday feast.

Also seeing increases: Canned pumpkin (6 percent) and onions (23 percent). Some prices have fallen: celery (down 35 percent), frozen carrots (down 5 percent), canned apples (down 12 percent), canned green beans (down 6 percent), canned corn (down 8 percent) and fresh cranberries (down 3 percent).

To see a chart with all the details, [click here](#).

And for seasonal recipes, check stltoday.com/food.

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