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Thanksgiving dinner costs climb this year



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Survey: Meal for 10 averages nearly $59

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A 2026 Thanksgiving dinner for 10 will cost about 6% more than in 2025, averaging $58.63 to set the table with turkey, stuffing and side dishes, according to an annual survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

It's the first Thanksgiving meal price increase since a record-high $64.05 in 2022, even though overall consumer prices have increased an average of 3.63% a year in that time.

"The overall increase in our annual survey reflects the rising costs of getting food from the farm to your dinner table," Faith Parum, the Farm Bureau's deputy chief economist, said in a statement Nov. 18. She pointed to high diesel prices and a shortage of farm labor, but

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The centerpiece of most Thanksgiving tables, turkey, recorded the biggest price jump. The Farm Bureau's survey found a 16-pound frozen bird averaged $23.68, or $1.48 per pound, up 10% from 2025.

Senate passes big bill to speed up energy projects

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate on Nov. 19 passed a massive bill to speed up energy project development, weakening environmental rules while ensuring data centers pay their own way for the electricity they require.

The Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act, which locked senators in painstaking negotiations over the past few months, passed on a 62-33 vote. The bill, which also bolsters clean energy sources such as wind and solar, marked the most significant piece of permitting reform legislation that Congress has passed in years.

Still, it faces an uncertain future in the House of Representatives and a shrinking legislative window to fully pass on Capitol Hill. If not adopted by both chambers, the legislation would have to be reintroduced when the 120th Congress takes over in January.

While supporters of the bill hailed it as a victory for American manufacturing and infrastructure, critics such as Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, said it would "put the pedal to the floor" on data center development while running roughshod over the sovereignty of Native American tribes.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune said the legislation "cuts through decades of red tape that has made it unnecessarily difficult and costly to build things in America."

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The Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act also bolsters clean energy sources such as wind and solar. MYKAL MCELDOWNEY/INDYSTAR FILE

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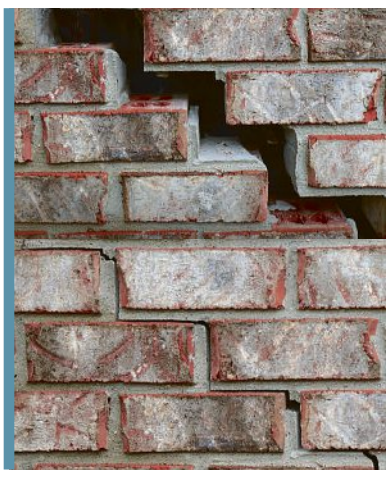
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