

## *Gobble the Gobblers*

The sound of fall leaves crunching under foot, the taste of pumpkin spiced everything, and the smell of oven roasted turkey wafting through the house are some of the most iconic trademarks of the fall season. None more so than the great turkey! Turkey is a staple of Thanksgiving and as such one would expect the price of turkey to rise dramatically during the holiday season. However, the exact opposite is true.



Every year as Thanksgiving and Christmas approaches, the price of turkey drops drastically. The reason this happens is because of competition between grocers. Grocers know that if they can get customers in the doors to buy discounted turkeys they will buy other necessities for their holiday feast that have higher profit margins, offsetting the cheaper turkey prices (Zagorsky 2015). Even with wholesale prices rising in the past years, increasing around 18 cents from 2014 to 2015, consumers “probably won’t feel that wholesale price hike” due to grocer competition (Geewax 2015). So this Thanksgiving you can chow down on oven roasted or deep fried turkey with confidence that you got the most gobble for your dollar.

Source: Zagorsky, J. L. (2015, November 24). Explainer: Why does the price for turkeys fall just before Thanksgiving? Retrieved October 31, 2016 from <http://theconversation.com>.  
Source: Geewax, M. (2015, November 17). As Americans Shop For Thanksgiving, They're Finding Cheaper Prices. Retrieved October 31, 2016, from <http://www.npr.org/>

## *Finals are Coming!*

Finals start on December 9<sup>th</sup> this year, and to help you gear up for them we will have extended hours. Our extended finals hours for this semester are:

<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open – 12am</b>
<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am – 12am</b>
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open at 9am</b>

Don’t forget to keep an eye out for information about the libraries finals stress relief events, which take place at numerous libraries on campus. Good Luck!

## *Financial Aid Changes*

Financial aid is a great way to help pay for college, but if you don’t fill out all the information correctly and on time, you may lose out on getting the financial help you need. FAFSA has recently changed some of its application information for the 2017-2018 school year. Here is what you need to know.

First, the application for FAFSA opened on October 1<sup>st</sup> this year, so you don’t have to wait until January to submit your information.

Second, you will need to submit your 2015 tax returns for the 2017-2018 school year instead of your 2016 returns. The deadline for filing your FAFSA for the 2017-2018 school year is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. You can get more information at <http://financialaid.tamu.edu/>.

Don’t forget to also check out available scholarships at <http://scholarships.tamu.edu/> where you can find information about types of scholarships available for you and deadlines for each scholarship.



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