

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
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INMATE THANKSGIVING MEAL
COST WAY DOWN

(Phoenix, AZ.) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio proudly admits to running an austere jail system with no luxuries for inmates. His goal has always been to save taxpayers money.

And Arpaio has been especially pleased by the fact that this year, the average meal cost for inmates has run around 35 cents each. The Sheriff serves two meals a day to inmates only, a brunch meal and one hot meal in the evening.

This Thanksgiving, even Arpaio himself is amazed by the cost of the holiday meal that will be served to the Sheriff's 8000 inmates on Thursday starting at 3PM.

Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, carrots a roll with butter and a donut for dessert is coming in at a cost of a whopping eight (8) cents per meal. Arpaio says the meal sounds tasty, but inmates may not agree.

"I don't know how my staff does it every year, but they work hard to get food donated. It isn't easy. In an economy like this, there's a lot of competition for donated food."