

At the Olympic Table



How much food does it take to feed nearly 11,000 competitors from 197 countries? In addition, there will be about 4,000 coaches and other officials to feed. How much would all this food cost? The table below gives some indication of the enormous quantities of food on our shopping list.

Work with your partner to calculate the approximate cost of this shopping expedition. Use newspaper ads or visit a local market to get the unit prices you need.

Food	Quantity	Cost per Unit	Total Cost for Item
Asparagus	15,498 lb		
Tomatoes	17,998 lb		
Beef	600,000 lb		
Lamb	600,000 lb		
Poultry	750,000 lb		
Strawberries	23,342 pt		
Shredded Cheese	9,057 lb		
Eggs	48,000 doz		
Radicchio	30,000 lb		
Coconut Custard Pies	2,656		
Rice	34,000 lb		
Pasta	52,000 lb		
Milk	70,000 gal		
Apples	750,000		
Butter	30,000 lb		
Peaches	226,000		
Bean Sprouts	2,800 lb		
Tabouli	2,500 lb		
Garlic	1,034 lb		
Bottled Water	550,000 gal		
TOTAL COST OF SHOPPING SPREE			

1. If there are 11,000 hungry athletes, how much did the shopping spree cost per athlete? _____
2. If each of the 197 countries were assessed an equal share of the cost, how much would each country spend to feed the athletes? _____

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