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10 Meals That Are Cheaper to Order in

Learn which dishes are more affordable in takeout form

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Rotisserie Chicken

To Order: \$6.99 to \$8.99

To Make: \$22 to \$29

Two reasons why whole, uncooked chickens are more expensive: "Their shelf life is longer," says **executive chef Eddie Rodriguez of [Olives Gourmet Grocer](#)**. Plus, cooked chickens are "loss leaders." Grocers price them attractively to entice consumers to buy items they wouldn't if the entrée were pricier, according to David Bakke, grocery expert at MoneyCrashers.com. Shoppers end up spending more that way. You may be able to save extra on a cooked chicken if it's still for sale as the supermarket's closing; it won't be good the next day, so they sell it for a deep discount.

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