

FAQs *on summaries for DTN FastRacks*

Q What are summaries?

A DTN FastRacks defines summaries as all pricing that appears on a report that is not submitted by a supplier. Instead, summaries are calculated prices that have undergone our stringent quality control process and analysis. A summary can be an average of two or more prices, or it can be a single price, like the rack high or low.

Q How are averages calculated?

A Averages are calculated based on either wholesale branded, unbranded, or all suppliers' posted prices. Only "updated" prices are included. An updated price is one where we have received a current daily price notification. We eliminate all prices marked to "exclude" from the summaries. Finally, the information is processed to create an average or single price at the time the report is generated.

Q What is the difference between branded and unbranded?

A Branded products can only be sold at locations under a specific supplier's name or brand. Unbranded products are sold at independent locations, where a customer can purchase unbranded product from an unbranded supplier.

Q Why are some prices marked to exclude?

A Exclude indicates that a price appears to be unreasonably high or low when compared to other prices, and therefore was not included in DTN FastRacks summaries. Prices to be excluded are marked during our quality control procedures, which are performed multiple times throughout the day.

Q Are averages calculated as gross or net prices?

A The summaries you receive typically match the price set up of your DTN FastRacks report. If you have selected gross prices for your report, most summaries will reflect gross prices. Likewise, if you choose net prices for your report, most summaries will reflect net prices. Gross prices show the price before prompt payment discounts are applied. Net prices show the price after prompt payment discounts are applied.

Q What kinds of averages are available through DTN FastRacks summaries?

A We have fixed-average summaries that are calculated at a specific time. All other summaries are recalculated whenever a report is generated.

Table 1: Fixed averages

Summary name	Information included	Time calculated	Notes
Contract average	Includes both branded and unbranded gross prices	Once a day at 6 a.m. Central Time (CT), Monday–Saturday	
Thursday published average	Includes both branded and unbranded gross prices	Once a week at 6 a.m. CT	
Thursday Defense Energy Support Center (DESC) average	Includes both branded and unbranded gross prices	Once a week at 6 a.m. CT	Created for the DESC to combine the blended product group prices into one average
Contract net average	Includes both branded and unbranded net prices	Once a day at 6 a.m. CT, Monday–Saturday	Not currently available on DTN ProphetX

Table 2: Gross averages

Summary name	Information included
Gross rack average	All gross posted prices
Gross rack low	Lowest gross posted price (branded or unbranded)
Gross rack high	Highest gross posted price (branded or unbranded)
Gross branded average	Branded gross posted prices only
Gross branded low	Lowest gross branded posted price
Gross branded high	Highest gross branded posted price
Gross unbranded average	Unbranded gross posted prices only
Gross unbranded low	Lowest gross unbranded posted price
Gross unbranded high	Highest gross unbranded posted price

Table 3: Net averages

Summary name	Information included
Net rack average	All net posted prices
Net rack low	Lowest net posted price (branded or unbranded)
Net rack high	Highest net posted price (branded or unbranded)
Net branded average	Branded net posted prices only
Net branded low	Lowest net branded posted price
Net branded high	Highest net branded posted price
Net unbranded average	Unbranded net posted prices only
Net unbranded low	Lowest net unbranded posted price
Net unbranded high	Highest net unbranded posted price