

Thanksgiving trivia-----

Gobble, Gobble
Something Else!



Thanksgiving is celebrated on November 28rd, always the last Thursday of the month. A few facts and trivia about Thanksgiving...

At the time of the first Thanksgiving Feast year 1621 the Pilgrims did not use a fork. Gov. Winthrop of Massachusetts introduced a fork 10 years later, but it was not widely used until the 18th Century.

Pilgrims used a knife, spoon and their fingers.

There is no evidence turkey was eaten on that 1st Thanksgiving Feast – a three-day meal shared between the pilgrims and 90 members of the Wampanoag Tribe.

Most likely venison and lots of seafood was on the menu.

Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the tragedy of the Civil War.

He declared Thanksgiving Day a national holiday on October 20, 1864

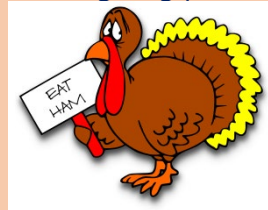
While Lincoln was president, a turkey was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

His son was upset and begged Lincoln to let the turkey live.

Abraham Lincoln agreed, and this story started a tradition that has continued.

Now, every Thanksgiving, one lucky turkey is selected to be "pardoned" by the president, which is then sent to a farm to live out its days.

In 2005 and 2009, the pardoned turkeys were sent to Disneyland and Disney World to be the grand marshal in their Thanksgiving parades.



In 1953, an employee of Swanson accidentally made a mass order of Thanksgiving turkeys. To be exact, it was 260 tons!

In order to get rid of them all, a salesman drew from how airplane food is served and thought of the idea to package a full meal on aluminum trays to be sold.

The idea was approved, and 5,000 trays were filled with turkey, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes.

They were sold for a whopping 98 cents, and they were a hit!



An estimated 46 million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving. The average turkey is 16lbs. Thanksgiving did not officially begin with the Pilgrims. President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a public holiday in 1863. This was also the time of the Civil War. The average person eats 4,500 calories at their Thanksgiving dinner. We all know we eat too much at this long-awaited feast, but did you know exactly how much that comes out to? 4,500 calories is the same as eating 28 donuts, 16 slices of pizza, or 61 chicken wings. Many people think that if they hit the gym for an extra two hours, it'll even out. Unfortunately, that's not quite the case. It would take over 7 hours of running or over 15 hours of quick walking to even out the tasty dinner.



In 1955 Dorcas Reilly, one of the first members of the Campbell Soup's Home Economics Department, created the "Green Bean Bake" with two ingredients that most Americans, at the time, had in their kitchen – green beans and Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup. You know it now as the "Green Bean Casserole". Through the years other ingredients have been added. Considered the "mother of all comfort foods" the original recipe was donated to the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio in 2002.

For some it wouldn't be Thanksgiving without a green bean casserole.

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One more ... Thanksgiving and football began in 1934 when the Detroit Lions was purchased by G.A. Richards. In an effort to build a fan base with his newly purchased team he scheduled a game for Thanksgiving. The Detroit Lions played the Chicago Bears, who at that time were world champions. Possibly the last time. The game sold out and was broadcasted live on radio. It was a huge success and the tradition began. Detroit Lions went on to play 67 games on Thanksgiving





**Happy
Thanksgiving**
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you wobble