Home for the Holidays:

Thanksgiving Timeline

Governor
William Bradford
of Plymouth
Colony proclaims a
day of thanks to
celebrate a good
harvest

1621

1789

President
Washington
proclaims
November 26 as a
day of national
thanksgiving

President Lincoln proclaims the last Thursday in November as a day of national thanksgiving

1863

1939



President Roosevelt moves Thanksgiving a week sooner to promote earlier holiday shopping

Congress moves for Thanksgiving to becomes a federal holiday to land on the 4th Thursday in November

1941

By the Numbers

Did you know: 54.3 million Americans are projected to travel 50+ miles this Thanksgiving?



+**Z**|**M**| Minnesota



32.5M **North Carolina**



26.5M **Arkansas**





245M

total # of projected turkeys raised in the U.S. in 2017



65,400

of supermarkets and other grocery stores



3,600

of baked good stores



2,800

of fruit and vegetable markets

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, USDA, CNN, AAA



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