THANKSGIVING

FUN FACTS

2017

244 MILLION

is the forecasted number of turkeys raised in the United States in 2016, a 4.5% increase from 2015.The state of Minnesota topped in turkey production (44.5 million), followed by North Carolina (33.5 million), Arkansas (26.0 million), Indiana (19.5 million), Missouri (19.2 million) and Virginia (17.2 million).

What is the average weight of turkeys?

The average weight for turkeys enjoyed in Thanksgiving is 16 pounds.

736 Million Pounds of Turkey are consumed.

154 Years

The number of years ago President Lincoln first established Thanksgiving as an annual Holiday in 1863.

270 Milligrams

The average amount of Tryptophan in light turkey meat compared to 310 mg found in light chicken meat. Perhaps turkey is not at fault for your sleepiness.

EACH YEAR-2016

3.1 billion pounds of sweet potatoes- a popular Thanksgiving side dish- are prepared each year.

Preparing the Feast

98.6% is the percentage of households in 2011 with gas or electric stove-essential for cooking a Thanksgiving dinner.

A Foreign Turkey

$25.8 million is the value of U.S. imports of live turkeys in 2016, 99.9% arriving from Canada and the rest from France.

$49.87 will be the average cost of a Thanksgiving Day Feast for 10 people.

4.6 million

Multi-generational households in the U.S. in 2016. These households consists of three or more generations.

50.9 million

Americans are projected to be traveling 50 miles or more away from home for Thanksgiving 2017.

23.8 million

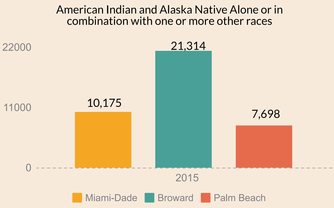
U.S. residents of English ancestry as of 2016. Some could be descendants of the Plymouth colonists who participated in the first thanksgiving.

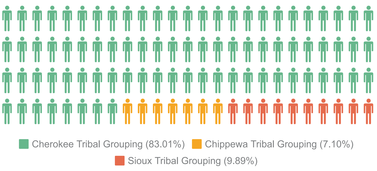
118.9 million

Occupied housing units across the nation in the second quarter of 2017. These are potential stops for Thanksgiving dinner.

South Florida

The first Thanksgiving celebration in North America took place in Florida. Colonists in St. Augustine shared a feast of thanksgiving with Native Americans, 55 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.





The Miami Circle: a complex and planned architecture unique to the Tequesta Indians found in the heart of Brickell, Downtown Miami.

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Sources:U.S. Census, Miami Herald, National Turkey Federation, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Automobile Association, SF Gate.

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