

# Thanksgiving Food Trivia Questions

**What meats were served at the first Thanksgiving celebration?**

“Venison, swan, duck and goose were likely—not turkey!”

**What is an adult female turkey called?**

“A hen”

**What seafood was served at the first Thanksgiving feast?**

“Lobster, oysters, fish and possibly eel”

**What is an adult male turkey called?**

“A tom”

**What are turkey chicks called?**

“Pults or turkeylings.”

**How many calories on average are consumed, per person, at Thanksgiving dinner?**

“4,500”

**What temperature should a turkey be cooked to for safe eating?**

“165 °F”

**Do Americans prefer apple pie or pumpkin pie?**

“Apple pie”

**Which state produces the most cranberries?**

“Wisconsin.”

**When was green bean casserole introduced to Thanksgiving dinners?**

“1955.”

**What state raises the most turkeys?**

“Minnesota”

**How many Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to Thanksgiving dinner?**

“About 80 percent.”

**How much does the average Thanksgiving turkey weigh?**

“About 15 pounds.”

# History Of Thanksgiving Quiz

The first credited Thanksgiving was celebrated at the Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts. How long was the first Thanksgiving feast?

- a. One day
- b. Three days**
- c. Five days
- d. One week

Which president first pardoned a turkey at the urging of his son who had taken a liking to the bird and given it the name "Tom"?

- a. Theodore Roosevelt
- b. Abraham Lincoln**
- c. Ulysses S. Grant
- d. Grover Cleveland

Which historical event do Americans generally believe their Thanksgiving is modeled on?

- a. the day in 1942 that the fourth Thursday in November was designated as Thanksgiving Day
- b. a 1621 harvest feast shared by Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people**
- c. the anniversary of the Martin Frobisher-led expedition celebrating safe passage in 1578
- d. the treaty that ended King Philip's War in 1676

Which was the first Thanksgiving to boast the annual Macy's parade in New York City?

- a. 1960
- b. 1945
- c. 1924**
- d. 1927

Since which year Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated in Canada on the second Monday in October?

- a. 1989
- b. 1963
- c. 1957**
- d. 1890

When did Canada's Parliament establish a national Thanksgiving Day on November 6?

- a. 1879**
- b. 1578
- c. 1957
- d. 1949

# First Thanksgiving Quiz

**How long was the first Thanksgiving celebration?**

“Three days”

**What meats were served at the first Thanksgiving celebration?**

“Venison, swan, duck and goose were likely—not turkey!”

**Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?**

“John F. Kennedy”

**When was the first Thanksgiving football game?**

“1876”

**When was the first Thanksgiving NFL game?**

“1920”

**Who was the first President to receive a ceremonial Thanksgiving Turkey?**

“Harry S. Truman”

**How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?**

“Five”

**Which President first ordered a national day of Thanksgiving?**

“George Washington”

**What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?**

“The Wampanoag”

**In what month did the very first Thanksgiving celebration likely take place?**

“September”

**When was the first Turkey Trot?**

“1896”

**Where was the first Turkey Trot?**

“Buffalo, New York”

**What year did the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade first have balloons?**

“1928”

**When did canned cranberries first come about?**

“1912”

# Thanksgiving Quiz Multiple Choice

Q. Thanksgiving occurs on the:

- a. **Fourth Thursday in November**
- b. Third Thursday in November
- c. November 26 each year

Q. The first Thanksgiving lasted:

- a. One day
- b. Two days
- c. **Three days**

Q. Which of the following was NOT served at the Pilgrims Thanksgiving meal?

- a. **Cranberries, corn, and mashed potatoes**
- b. Rabbit, chicken, wild turkey, and dried fruit
- c. Venison (deer meat), fish, goose

Q. Which Indian tribe taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land and were invited to the Thanksgiving meal?

- a. Apache
- b. Cherokee
- c. **Wampanoag**
- d. Cherokee

Q. Approximately how many turkeys are eaten each year on Thanksgiving in the United States?

- a. 100 million
- b. **280 million**
- c. 500 million

Q. Which southern state was the first to adopt a Thanksgiving Day in 1855?

- a. South Carolina
- b. **Virginia**
- c. Georgia

Q. What is a snood?

- a. **The loose skin under a male turkey's neck.**
- b. A hat worn by a Pilgrim
- c. A hot cider drink served at Thanksgiving.

Q. What utensil was not used by the Pilgrims to eat Thanksgiving dinner?

- a. Knife
- b. **Fork**
- c. Spoon

Q. The best place to put the meat thermometer in the turkey is:

- a. The breast
- b. The middle of the back
- c. **The thigh**

Q. Which president is believed to be the first to pardon a turkey and start this annual tradition?

- a. President Lincoln in 1863

- b. President Roosevelt in 1939
- c. President Harry Truman in 1947**

Q. The Pilgrims came to the New World seeking religious freedom and were also called:  
**a. The Puritans because they wanted to purify the teachings and ceremonies of the Church of England.**

- b. The Great Explorers
- c. The Wanderers

Q. Today, our Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November because

a. It is the date the Pilgrims landed in the New World.

**b. This was the date set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 and approved by Congress in 1941.**

c. It was the date people voted to have it on.

Q. What is a baby turkey called?

- a. A chick
- b. A nestling
- c. A poult**

Q. It has been estimated that how many Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving.

- a. 88%**
- b. 50%
- c. 75%

Q. A full grown turkey has about how many feathers?

- a. A million
- b. Too many to count!
- c. 3,500**

Q. The first national Thanksgiving was declared by which US President?

- a. George Washington**
- b. John Adams
- c. Thomas Jefferson
- d. James Madison

Q. What was the first large-scale balloon used in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

- a. Mickey Mouse
- b. Betty Boob
- c. Speedy Gonzales
- d. Felix The Cat**

Q. What is the maximum height the giant balloons from the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade can be?

- a. 40 feet
- b. 55 feet
- c. 70 feet**
- d. 85 feet

Q. How long is the Macy's Thanksgiving parade's route?

- a. 0.5 miles
- b. 1.5 miles

- c. **2.5 miles**
- d. 3.5 miles

Q. Which utensil wasn't used in the original Thanksgiving meal?

- a. Knife
- b. **Fork**
- c. Spoon
- d. Plate

Q. What is the most popular destination in the USA for Thanksgiving?

- a. Los Angeles
- b. **Orlando**
- c. New York City
- d. New Orleans

Q. Which NFL team has been hosting a game on Thanksgiving since 1934?

- a. **Detroit Lions**
- b. Las Vegas Raiders
- c. Philadelphia Eagles
- d. New England Patriots

Q. When was the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade?

- a. 1914
- b. **1924**
- c. 1934
- d. 1944

Q. How many turkeys are eaten each Thanksgiving in the USA?

- a. 22 million
- b. **46 million**
- c. 98 million
- d. 129 million

Q. How much did the heaviest turkey weigh?

- a. 19.09 kg
- b. 29.09 kg
- c. **39.09 kg**
- d. 49.09 kg