

TURKEY FACTS

Ohio Turkey Facts

- Ohio ranks ninth nationally in turkey production with more than **280.7 million** pounds of turkey produced.
- In 2016, the value of turkey produced in Ohio was nearly **\$181 million**.
- Ohio's turkey flocks consume more than **4.4 million** bushels of corn each year, with a weight equivalent of **252 million** pounds.
- Ohio turkey production is responsible for the creation of **3,461 jobs** annually and **\$113.6 million** in earnings.

National Turkey Facts

- U.S. turkey consumption has **more than doubled** since 1970 due to consumers' recognition of turkey's good taste and nutritional value.
- In 2016, turkey was the **fourth most-popular** protein choice for American consumers, who consumed nearly **29 pounds** per person on average.
- Americans of all ages love turkey because of its healthful, "comfort" food profile. A national study on turkey consumption found that nearly half of U.S. consumers eat turkey at least **once every two weeks** with more than a quarter eating turkey deli meat.
- Nearly **88 percent** of Americans surveyed by the National Turkey Federation eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is **15 pounds**, meaning that approximately **690 million** pounds of turkey is consumed in the U.S. during Thanksgiving.
- In 2017, more than **245 million** turkeys were raised in the U.S.



* National Turkey Federation data; www.eatturkey.com