

# November Thanksgiving Trivia

Question: How long was the first Thanksgiving celebration?

Answer: Three days in 1621...that is 400 years ago!!

Question: When was turkey first eaten at Thanksgiving?

Answer: 1621

Since Bradford wrote of how the colonists had hunted wild turkeys during the autumn of 1621 and since turkey is a uniquely American (and scrumptious) bird, it gained traction as the Thanksgiving me

Question: Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?

Answer: John F. Kennedy

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

Answer: 4,500 (WOW...let that sink in WOW!!)

Question: How much did the world's most expensive Thanksgiving dinner on record cost?

Answer: over \$180,000 at New York City's Old Homestead Steakhouse

Old Homestead Steakhouse in Manhattan says it's serving the most expensive Thanksgiving dinner in the world, and it costs \$181,000 in 2019.

So what do you get for that price? The world's most luxurious food — plus goodies from new iPhones to a cruise to Super Bowl tickets, according to the restaurant.

The edible part of the package is a dinner for 12.

Of course it includes turkey, in this case, two, 20-pound free-range turkeys that cost \$5,800 (\$145-per-pound). Each turkey is covered in \$2,000 edible gold flakes, and they are seasoned with imported saffron and other spices from the Middle East that cost \$4,000.

The luxury turkey gravy is infused with a \$3,650 bottle of Louis XIII cognac.

Along with the turkey, there's seafood bread stuffing made with bread imported from the United Kingdom and champagne instead of water. Other ingredients include \$600-per-ounce saffron, \$50-per-pound Alaskan King crab, \$20-per-pound Maine lobsters, \$12-per-pound Otoro tuna and \$1,800-per-ounce golden caviar from the Caspian Sea.

“This will knock the stuffing out of your bank account, because the bread stuffing alone probably costs more than what you have in your savings,” Old Homestead co-owner Marc Sherry says.

As for the candied sweet potatoes, they are made with cinnamon imported from Sri Lanka, bacon from pigs raised in Spain that costs \$1,200-per-pound and white cheddar imported from the UK.

The butternut squash is made with spices from India, caramelized onions imported from Egypt and chunks of beef bacon from \$480-per-pound Japanese prize Wagyu.

Other sides include cranberry sauce made from queen strawberries and dekopon oranges, a seedless citrus fruit, imported from Japan; white asparagus with a vinaigrette infused with 23-year-old reserve Pappy Van Winkle bourbon (which costs \$3,800 per bottle); and mixed berries with an orange sabayon sauce infused with Grand Marnier that costs \$1,800 per bottle.

In true Thanksgiving fashion, dessert includes pumpkin, apple, coconut custard and pecan pies. And to drink, diners will have their choice of Cristal or Dom Perignon champagne or Opus One or Silver Oak wine.

But the most expensive part of the experience isn't even edible: The dinner package includes a seven-day, \$50,000 SeaDream Yacht Club Cruise for two; an \$8,000 Cristal champagne; a \$20,000 Black Friday shopping spree; his and her iPhone 11 Pro Maxes totaling \$2,750; four tickets to the Super Bowl LIV in Miami, costing \$30,000; two tickets to NBC's "The Voice"; and more.

As of Tuesday, the restaurant had sold one of three dinner packages.

2018 Old Homestead's Thanksgiving extravaganza was \$150,000 and in 2017, it was \$76,000.

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Question: When was the first Thanksgiving football game?

Answer: 1876

Question: Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?

Answer: Abraham Lincoln

Question: How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?

Answer: About 46 million for Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas and 19 million at Easter

Question: Black Friday is the biggest day of the year for what trade profession?

Answer: Plumbers...

The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbing and drain companies like Roto-Rooter. Big meal preparation and kitchen cleanup frequently overload the sink and disposal, creating extra work for plumbers who stay busy unclogging kitchen sinks, garbage disposals, toilets and sewers.

Question: Sarah Josepha Hale, who campaigned for Thanksgiving to be a national holiday, wrote what famous song?

Answer: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Question: According to the Guinness Book of World Records, how much does the heaviest turkey on record weigh?

Answer: 86 pounds

Question: What are turkey chicks called?

Answer: Pults or turkeylings

Let me just say, turkeylings is an amazing name for baby turkeys. Female turkeys are called hens, and males are called toms in the US or stags in Europe.

Question: What state raises the most turkeys?

Answer: Minnesota

With 41 million turkeys raised in 2015 Minnesota tops the chart for turkey production. Next up is North Carolina with 31 million turkeys raised. Then Arkansas coming in third with 27.5 million turkeys. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter