

Thanksgiving Trivia Questions

How well do you know your Thanksgiving facts? Try your hand at these trivia questions.

1. What year was the first Thanksgiving held?
2. Which president made Thanksgiving a national holiday?
3. What profession experiences its busiest day on Thanksgiving?
4. Per Butterball, how long should a cooked turkey rest before carving?
5. How many pounds of turkey does the average American eat each year?
6. Which Founding Father wanted the turkey to be America's national bird?
7. Which U.S. president was the first to grant a presidential pardon to a turkey?
8. What are female turkeys called?
9. What company created the original green bean casserole recipe?
10. What two astronauts ate turkey after walking on the moon?
11. What Thanksgiving staple do Americans enjoy approximately 80,000,000 pounds of during Thanksgiving week?
12. What country besides the United States celebrates Thanksgiving?
13. What year was the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade?
14. What famous Thanksgiving fruit bounces?
15. What was the name of the Indian tribe that celebrated Thanksgiving with the pilgrims?
16. What type of silverware was missing at the first Thanksgiving?
17. What two teams played the first NFL Thanksgiving Day game?
18. How long did the first Thanksgiving feast last?
19. How many calories does the average American eat on Thanksgiving Day?
20. What was the first character balloon featured in the Macy's Thanksgiving parade in 1931?

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1. What year was the first Thanksgiving held? **1621**
2. Which president made Thanksgiving a national holiday? **Abraham Lincoln in 1863**
3. What profession experiences its busiest day on Thanksgiving? **Plumbers**
4. Per Butterball, how long should a cooked turkey rest before carving? **Fifteen minutes**
5. How many pounds of turkey does the average American eat each year? **According to the National Turkey Federation, 15 pounds**
6. Which Founding Father wanted the turkey to be America's national bird? **Benjamin Franklin**
7. Which U.S. president was the first to grant a presidential pardon to a turkey? **Although Harry S. Truman is often credited, it was Abraham Lincoln who pardoned the first turkey, according to the White House Historical Association**
8. What are female turkeys called? **Hens**
9. What company created the original green bean casserole recipe? **Campbell's**
10. What two astronauts ate turkey after walking on the moon? **Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin**
11. What Thanksgiving staple do Americans enjoy approximately 80,000,000 pounds of during Thanksgiving week? **According to Ocean Spray, cranberries**
12. What country besides the United States celebrates Thanksgiving? **Canada**
13. What year was the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade? **1924**
14. What famous Thanksgiving fruit bounces? **Cranberries**
15. What was the name of the Indian tribe that celebrated Thanksgiving with the pilgrims? **Wampanoag**
16. What type of silverware was missing at the first Thanksgiving? **Forks**
17. What two teams played the first NFL Thanksgiving Day game? **The Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears**
18. How long did the first Thanksgiving feast last? **Three days**
19. How many calories does the average American eat on Thanksgiving Day? **According to the Calorie Control Council, 4,500**
20. What was the first character balloon ever in the Macy's Thanksgiving parade? **Felix the Cat**