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## Turkey Facts

### Ohio Turkey Facts

- Ohio ranks ninth nationally in turkey production with more than 236 million pounds of turkey produced.
- In 2016, the value of turkey produced in Ohio was nearly \$196 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 2,879 jobs annually and \$101 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 16.7 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 16 pounds, meaning that approximately 736 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the U.S. during Thanksgiving in 2015.
- In 2015, more than 233.1 million turkeys were raised in the U.S.

*\* National Turkey Federation data; [www.eatturkey.com](http://www.eatturkey.com)*