

1. THE MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE BEGAN IN THE 1920'S.



2. THE VERY FIRST MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE WAS IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1924 BY THE EMPLOYEES OF MACY'S. THEY USED ANIMALS FROM THE CENTRAL PARK ZOO.



3. THERE ARE ONLY THREE U.S. TOWNS THAT ARE NAMED FOR THE THANKSGIVING BIRD, INCLUDING TURKEY, TEXAS; TURKEY CREEK, LOUISIANA; AND TURKEY, NORTH CAROLINA.



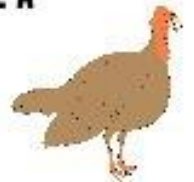
4. IN THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS BOOK, IT STATES THAT THE LARGEST PUMPKIN PIE EVER BAKED WAS 12 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 2,020 POUNDS.



5. BEN FRANKLIN WANTED THE TURKEY TO BE OUR NATIONAL BIRD. HE THOUGHT THE EAGLE HAD "BAD MORAL CHARACTER."



6. ONLY MALE TURKEYS ARE THE ONES THAT MAKE THE "GOBBLE GOBBLE" SOUNDS. FEMALE TURKEYS MAKE A CACKLE NOISE.



7. AT THE FIRST THANKSGIVING MEAL, THERE WAS NO BREAD, BUTTER, MILK, MASHED POTATOES, CORN, OR PUMPKIN PIE LIKE WE SERVE TODAY.

IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT 88% OF AMERICANS EAT TURKEY AT THANKSGIVING.



8. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AGREED TO MOVE THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER IN 1939 TO ASSIST ALL RETAILERS BY LENGTHENING THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON. THEN, TWO YEARS LATER, HE ENDED UP MOVING IT TO THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER, DUE TO A LARGE PROTEST TO THE PREVIOUS CHANGE.



9. THANKSGIVING IS A HOLIDAY IN CANADA AS WELL, BUT THEY CELEBRATE ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER.

