Thanksgiving Trivia Quiz 2026

12 questions from USDA farm data and National Archives records

Saturday

October 3, 1863

Lincoln's Thanksgiving proclamation

Facts

- Lincoln set apart the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving in 1863.
- Since 1941 the holiday has been the fourth Thursday of November.

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Q1 How many turkeys did USDA forecast for 2025? _____

Q2 Which state raised the most turkeys in 2025? _____

Q3 Per-person turkey availability in 2025? _____

Q4 How many barrels of cranberries in 2025? _____

Q5 Which state grew the most cranberries? _____

Q6 Which state was second for cranberries? _____

Q7 How many pounds of pumpkins in 2025? _____

Q8 Which state led pumpkins in 2025? _____

Q9 What day did Lincoln sign his proclamation? _____

Q10 What happened in 1939 to the date? _____

Q11 When did the fourth-Thursday law get signed? _____

Q12 In what year did Bush pardon the turkey? _____

Answers are at the bottom of the page, upside down. Fold or cut them off.

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My notes

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Answers

Q1. 195 million, down 3% from 2024
Q2. Minnesota, 32 million
Q3. 13.2 pounds
Q4. About 7.5 million
Q5. Wisconsin, 4.6 million barrels
Q6. Massachusetts, 1.9 million barrels
Q7. About 1.47 billion
Q8. Illinois, about 533 million pounds
Q9. Oct. 3, 1863
Q10. Last Thursday fell on Nov. 30
Q11. Dec. 26, 1941
Q12. 1989

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (Turkeys Raised, Sept. 26, 2025; Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2025 Summary, May 2026); USDA Economic Research Service (Turkey Sector, Oct. 21, 2026; Pumpkins, Sept. 29, 2026); National Archives; George H.W. Bush Presidential Library.