Turkey Facts

Ohio Turkey Facts

- Ohio ranks ninth nationally in turkey production with more than 219 million pounds of turkey produced.
- The value of turkey produced in Ohio in 2012 was more than $158 million.
- Ohio’s turkey flocks consume more than 4.4 million bushels of corn each year, with a weight equivalent of 252 million pounds.

National Turkey Facts

- U.S. turkey consumption has increased 102 percent since 1970.
- In 2011, turkey was the fourth most-popular protein choice for American consumers, who consumed nearly 16.1 pounds per person on average.
- The average family has eaten turkey more than 4 times in the last 12 months.*
- The top three reasons for preparing turkey at home are taste (69 percent), nutrition (52 percent) and value (44 percent).
- In 2011, U.S. growers raised more than 248 million turkeys with a value of nearly $5.0 billion.
- Although 50 percent of all turkey consumed in 1970 was during the holidays, today that number is only 29 percent as more people enjoy turkey year-round.
- Turkey production in the United States has increased more than 110 percent since 1970, meeting consumers’ demand as more people choose turkey.

*National Turkey Federation data; www.eatturkey.com