

Mature Turkey



DID YOU KNOW?



Tom: A male turkey.



Snood: Colorful skin on top of a turkey's beak.



Hen: A female turkey.



Flock: Group of turkeys.

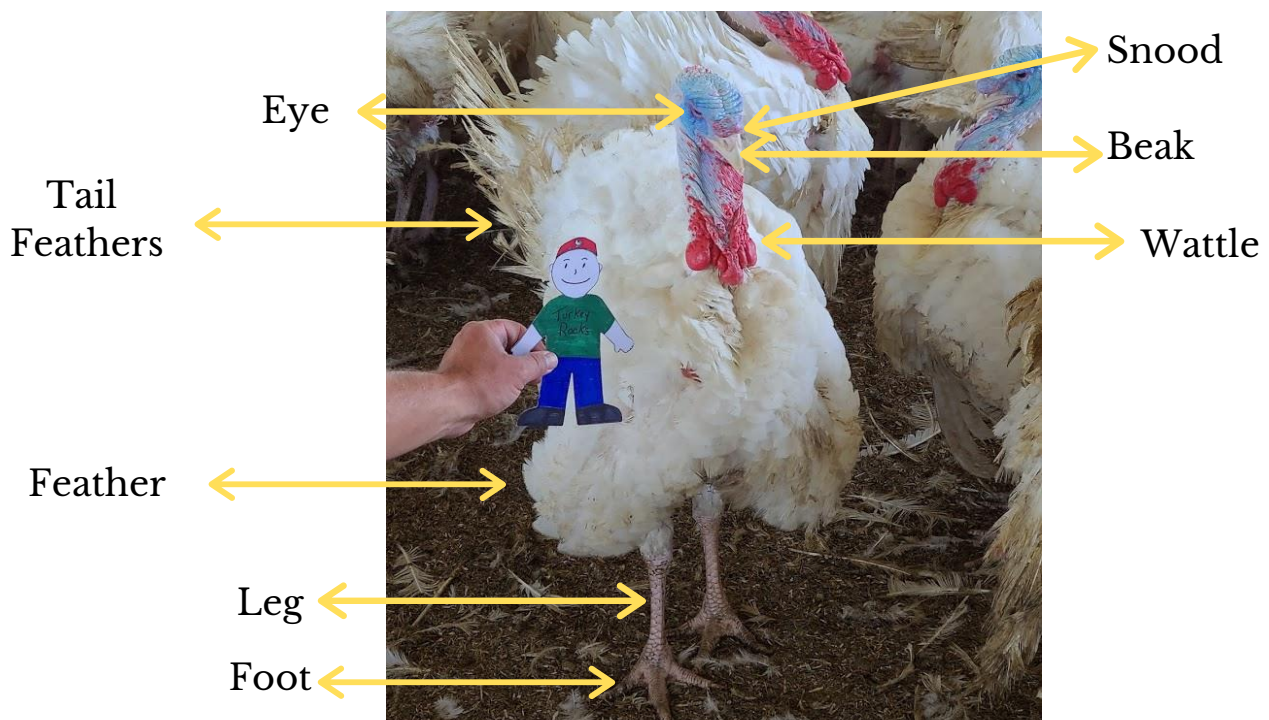


Wattle: Colored skin on the neck of the turkey.



Domesticated: Animals raised on the farm instead of in the wild.

PARTS OF A TURKEY



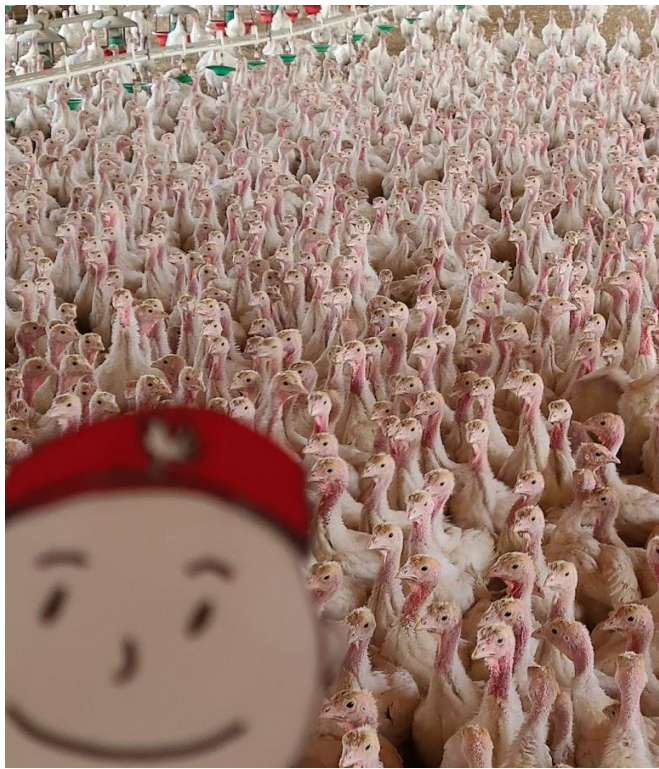
GROWING BARN

Once poults reach 4-5 weeks old they transition to the growing barn. Growing barns provide enough space for turkeys to grow.

Turkeys stay in the grow barn for approximately 15 weeks or until they reach market weight.

Turkeys will reach an average market weight between 40-45 pounds.

Flat Aggie is introducing us to a few of our turkeys in the growing barn. Turkeys have a curious nature and will flock towards the farmer.



WILD VS. DOMESTICATED TURKEY

Domestic turkeys are raised on farms to provide food and are called Broad Breasted White turkey. These turkeys are used for food production; they provide more meat and the feathers don't leave spots on the skin.

Wild turkeys live in the outdoors in wooded forest and grassy areas and are black/brown in color. Full grown wild turkeys weigh about 20 pounds. Wild turkeys are not used in food production because consumers don't like the dark spots left on the skin due to the dark feathers.



FUN TURKEY FACTS

- Israel eats more turkey per person than any other country. The U.S. is second.
- Turkeys have approximately 3,500 feathers.
- Benjamin Franklin suggested to have the turkey be the national bird instead of the bald eagle.

JOKE OF THE DAY

What key has legs and can't open doors?
A turkey!

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