


Thanksgiving

In the fall of **1621**, the Pilgrims – early settlers of Plymouth Colony – held a three-day feast to celebrate a bountiful harvest. Many regard this as the nation's **first** Thanksgiving. The legacy of thanks and the feast have survived for centuries, with the event becoming a national holiday as of **October 3, 1863**.

 **Did you know?** Thanksgiving is observed on the fourth Thursday of November. That's **November 24th** this year.

There are **4** places named Turkey in the U.S. – a traditional main course.

There are **5** places named Cranberry in the U.S. – a popular side dish.

The **six** largest turkey producing states account for **69%** of all turkeys produced according to the U.S Department of Agriculture.

Minnesota leads the way. The state was projected to raise **37.5 million** turkeys in **2022**.

Visit the [Statistics in Schools Thanksgiving Fun Facts page on census.gov](#) to learn more.