



# Mac's Monthly Advice!

*Hey everyone! Mac here, and I'm back with another lightning round of Thanksgiving trivia! So don't forget to grab your fork and knife and dig into the following fun facts!*

## *Presented, Pardoned, Paraded*

While many credit President Truman as the first to pardon a Thanksgiving turkey in 1947, President Bush actually first formalized the tradition in 1989. But other presidents have also let their turkeys gobble their way to freedom: John F. Kennedy was the first president to let his turkey go, and Richard Nixon even sent his to the petting zoo! Since then, some pardoned turkeys have gone on to squawk their way to Disneyland and Walt Disney World as the grand marshals of the annual Thanksgiving day parades!

## *One Man's Accident Is Another Man's Meal*

A Swanson employee back in 1953 accidentally ordered way too many Thanksgiving turkeys ... 260 tons too much, to be exact! That's when salesman Gerry Thomas stepped in to buy the turkeys. Inspired by airplane food, he put them on aluminum trays with other Thanksgiving-friendly side dishes and sold them for 89-cents apiece. Thus, the first TV dinners were born!

## *Mary Had A Little ... Turkey?*

Sarah Josepha Hale, best known as the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced President Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, as she was convinced it would help to reunify the country amidst civil division. Can you believe that, before her persistent letters led to the official proclamation, Thanksgiving was not a federally recognized holiday? Remember that the next time you find yourself singing this favorite nursery rhyme!



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