

## Turkey Supply Plentiful, and Cheaper, Too

By Jack R. Ryan  
NEW YORK, Nov. 15—(AP)—Turkeys for those Thanksgiving feasts will be a lot more plentiful this year. Cheaper, too.  
Cranberries also will cost less, despite the summer droughts which trimmed supplies.

Every state in the union is believed to be raising more gobblers than last year. And the crop as a whole is estimated to be 29 per cent bigger.  
The U.S. agriculture department in its latest forecast said all indications point to the second largest turkey total on record—around 41,000,000 birds, which is not far below the all-time peak of 44,221,000 four years ago.

**Not Much Price Change**  
Spokesmen for some of the largest store chains in the country say turkey prices aren't likely to change much between now and Thanksgiving, barring some unforeseen development. If they're right, you can expect price tags to be about 15 cents a pound below last year in most places.  
Last Thanksgiving when supplies of the holiday bird were the smallest in 10 years, choice family-sized hen turkeys averaged between 75 and 80 cents a pound. Prices vary from place to place, of course, depending on how far the turkeys have to be shipped, local labor costs and so on.

This year market experts say the smaller turkeys should be priced in the neighborhood of 60 to 65 cents a pound, with the heavier toms around 10 to 12 cents below that.

**Wide Selection**  
The big increase in supplies means the family cook will have a wider selection of birds to choose from. In addition, specialty stores catering to people who buy small amounts of food at a time say the market for individual turkey parts like drumsticks, either raw or precooked, is gradually becoming more popular, especially in large cities.  
Many stores sell half-turkeys or turkey "roasts"—either front quarters which are mostly white meat, or rear quarters, mostly dark. A few this year even offer turkey "steaks"— $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch-thick cross-section pieces sawed from the centers of big frozen turkeys and ready for the pan.

**Low Cost of Grain**  
Back of the steep boost in turkey population this year was the low cost of feed grain and the record high prices farmers received for their birds last fall and winter. Many growers who had gone out of the turkey business saw their more persistent neighbors net two to three times as much profit per bird as in an average year, so they stocked their pens heavily last spring.

The nation's biggest turkey-producing state, California, was recently estimated to have increased its turkey production 35 per cent over last year. Texas, the next biggest producer, reported a 40 per cent increase and third-place Minnesota's, boost was believed to be around 36 per cent.  
**Cranberries Cheaper**  
As for those traditional cranberries to accompany the feast bird, they're expected to average between 19 and 23 cents a pound this Thanksgiving time, or about six cents cheaper than last year, even although the 1949 crop is considerably smaller.  
The American cranberry exchange says incomplete production figures indicate the harvest won't reach the U.S. crop reporting service estimate of 803,000 barrels because of dry weather and other troubles in most growing areas.  
Last year was a bumper one for cranberries, though—922,500 barrels—and a good portion of those went to processors. That left more of this year's crop available for the fresh market. The result: Plenty of good quality berries for cranberry sauce.

**Farm Bureau Opposes Vote Strength Shift**  
LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 15—(AP)—The Oregon Farm Bureau federation prepared today to fight any shift of legislative power from rural to the faster growing city areas.  
Delegates at the 18th annual convention gave the resolutions committee instructions to draft a program aimed at "protection of rural voting power."  
Three specific measures were suggested: 1—Require signatures on initiative and referendum petitions to be representative of all sections of the state; 2—All bills or initiative measures should be accompanied by revenue provisions cleared with the state tax commission; 3—Opposition to any reapportionment of the legislative districts that would "limit or divide the voting power of rural Oregon."

## Hiss Denied Right to Make Paper Tests

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—(AP)—Alger Hiss Monday was denied the right to have chemical and other tests made on documents used against him in his first perjury trial.

Hiss' attorney, Claude B. Cross, had sought to have the tests made "for quality, age and characteristics" of the documents, in the hope of showing the paper used was of a type which Hiss had no access.  
Federal Judge William Bondy denied the motion, saying it was doubtful if such tests could be made "without mutilation of the exhibits."

Hiss was charged with perjury after he denied before a grand jury charges by Whittaker Chambers, self-styled communist spy courier, that Hiss helped him get secret government information.

Hiss' first trial ended in a hung jury. His second trial is set to begin Thursday.  
Judge Bondy today upheld a previous order giving Hiss the right to look at certain state department records, in an effort to find out if Chambers went abroad between 1930 and 1939.

The government had tried to have the order squashed.  
Hiss' lawyer said it may develop that Chambers was out of the country at a time when he said he was meeting Hiss regularly.  
Later Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman reserved decision on a government effort to quash another Hiss attempt to seek defense evidence.  
Hiss had obtained a subpoena to examine immigration and naturalization services files on Mrs. Hedda Massing, former wife of the fugitive communist, Gerhart Eisler.  
The government tried unsuccessfully to call Mrs. Massing as a witness at the first Hiss trial.  
Cross said he wanted to look at the Massing file so that, if she is allowed to testify at the second trial, he can find out if she made any "prior inconsistent statements."

## College Teaches Handweaving Art

KENT, O., (INS)—Anyone who calls Nina Humphrey's classes at Kent State University "old fashioned" is perfectly right.  
Miss Humphrey instructs students in the colonial art of handweaving, a skill which she thinks is increasing in popularity.  
"But handweaving would make a faster comeback if the cost of looms were not so high," she admits.  
A loom of average size, about 24 inches wide, costs \$115, or more and is custom made in Kent, Cleveland or Cuyahoga Falls, O.  
Miss Humphrey owns six of the looms, including the small one she always carries with her whenever she travels.

Besides their decorative function, the patterns, which include such names as Tennessee Trouble, Queen's Delight, Snail's Trail and Monk's Belt, also have a useful purpose.  
"Some of the articles the students turn out each semester include aprons, rugs, tray cloths, samplers, buffet sets and bags," she explains.

## 'Poke in the Nose' May Curb Tears

COLUMBUS, O., (INS)—That much vaunted mark of the he-man—a masculine inability to shed tears—may be due to just a poke in the nose.

Such is the boiled down statement of Dr. L. V. Cradit of Amarillo, Texas. It was made at a Columbus medical conference with the tongue-tangling title of the Otorhinolaryngology and Otorhinolaryngology.  
Dr. Cradit told eye, ear, nose and throat specialists that obstruction of the tear duct may follow fracture of the bones or nose, thus causing poor function of the tear sac.

**CLEANERS PURCHASED**  
SILVERTON — R. G. Smith, former owner of the Quality Cleaners at 194 S. Water st., has bought the equipment from Maurice Davis, taking possession Monday. Davis, who has operated the business for 13 months, has not made known his future plans.

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## Explosives Cache Found In Milan, Italy

MILAN, Italy, Nov. 15—(AP)—Italian political police here announced the arrest of a "terrorist organization" which they said had cached "enough explosives to blow up half the city of Milan."  
Forty-eight persons were arrested, including 24 soldiers sus-

pected of forming a communist spy ring within the Italian army. Police said the band was organized in 1947 under the leadership of a stateless person identified as Calust Meagherian, native of Istanbul, Turkey.  
The arrests followed a confession said to have been made by a young soldier to the effect he was following orders of a Milan communist cell. The big explosives cache was discovered in the home of a member of the gang.

The organization gathered funds by burglary and robbery, police said. They quoted Meagherian as

## Firefighter 'Flies a Little' During Jump

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 15—(AP)—A forest service firefighter has learned to fly like a bird—a little.  
having said he was "fictitiously expelled" from the communist party so he could work better for them.

bit, that is.  
Bob Nolan, smoke jumper for the Siskiyou national forest glided for about 300 yards, losing altitude, but moving against the wind.  
Then he opened his parachute and an "came down the regulation way."  
**DRIVING HONOR**  
MADISON, Wis.—(INS)—A bronze plaque honoring the state of Wisconsin for progress in the instruction of safe driving in the state's high schools was presented recently to Gov. Oscar Rennebohm.

**The Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Wed., November 16, 1949—7**  
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