

**COOKING TURKEY?
DON'T STAB SKIN,
JUST PINCH LEG**

If you are one of the many impatient housewives who'll be testing a roasting turkey Thanksgiving morning by stabbing it from time to time with a fork to see if it's cooked to a turn—take the word from a specialist, you're doing wrong.

That old housewife custom of pricking the skin of a cooking turkey with a fork's tines is not a reliable test and it allows savory cooking juices to escape. The O. S. C. extension nutrition specialist

Miss Agnes Kolshorn, says a much better test is to press the thickest part of a drumstick between the fingers, being careful to protect the hand with a cloth or paper. This bird is done, she adds, when the meat is soft to the touch.

A second test to use on the cooking turkey is to move a drumstick up and down with the fingers. If the leg joint moves or breaks readily, the bird is ready for the Thanksgiving table.

Correct turkey roasting technique, according to Miss Kolshorn, involves slow cooking with dry heat. For birds that weigh up to 14 pounds, a roasting time of three and one-half to four hours is rec-

ommended at an oven temperature of 300 degrees. Larger birds will require up to six hours to roast at the same oven heat.

A home-handy to remember in preparing dressing, Miss Kolshorn points out, is one cup of dressing for each pound of turkey. Do not stuff the bird tightly, as the dressing will expand in cooking, she adds. Extra dressing may be baked in a separate pan.

Trussing the bird by tying wing tips back and securing legs snugly against the tail will improve the appearance of the cooked bird. Using melted fat spread by an op-

en-textured cloth, one may see that the bird is thoroughly greased just prior to being put into the oven. Greasing holds moisture inside the turkey and aids in obtaining a uniform brown appearance. Trusses may be cut after the bird has cooked an hour.

Avoid dry breast meat by cooking the turkey on first one side, then the other, and finish roasting

by turning the bird breast up, are other suggestions.

Just a Gob's Mess

The word mess comes from the Latin "missum," meaning sent or placed in position. Thus, the word came to mean a dish sent to the table, and eventually to describe the dining parties into which a ship's company or a regiment is divided.

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