Key Points

1. A strong majority of adults celebrate Thanksgiving with a special meal.
   - And a majority of adults celebrate Thanksgiving at their home or a family member’s home.

2. A majority of adults cook their entire Thanksgiving meal at home, while 14% purchase part of their meal fully cooked.
   - Younger adults are more likely than older adults to purchase part of their Thanksgiving meal fully cooked.

3. 95% of adults serve turkey at their Thanksgiving meal, and half serve both turkey and ham.
   - In addition to the tested items, adults also typically serve macaroni and cheese, gravy, corn, and different types of desserts at their Thanksgiving meal.

Methodology:

This poll was conducted by Morning Consult from October 31 - November 3, 2019, among a national sample of 2,200 Adults. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of adults based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

4. A strong majority of adults (88%) were not aware farmers receive 8 cents of each dollar consumers spend on food.

5. Three in four adults are interested in learning more about how their food is produced.
   - More than one in three Millennial and Gen X adults are very interested in learning more about how their food is produced.

6. A strong majority of adults (88%) trust farmers.

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A strong majority of adults (90%) celebrate Thanksgiving by eating a special meal.

Do you typically celebrate Thanksgiving by eating a special meal?

- Yes: 90%
- No: 8%
- Don’t know/No opinion: 2%
A majority of adults celebrate Thanksgiving at home (48%) or at a family member’s home (44%).

Where do you typically eat your Thanksgiving meal?

ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL
And a majority of adults cook their entire Thanksgiving meal at home, while 14% purchase part of their meal fully cooked.

Which of the following best describes how your Thanksgiving meal is cooked?

**ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL AT HOME**

- **84%**
  - My Thanksgiving meal is entirely cooked at home.

- **14%**
  - My Thanksgiving meal has some dishes cooked at home and some that are purchased fully cooked from a restaurant, grocery store, or other retailer.

- **1%**
  - My Thanksgiving meal is entirely purchased fully cooked from a restaurant, grocery store or other retailer.

- **1%**
  - Don't know/Unsure
Millennials are more likely than older generations to purchase part of their Thanksgiving meal fully cooked.

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- My Thanksgiving meal is entirely purchased fully cooked from a restaurant, grocery store or other retailer.
- Don't know/Unsure

| Category               | 84%            | 14%            | 78%            | 19%            | 85%            | 12%            | 87%            | 11%            | 84%            | 13%            | 83%            | 16%            | 82%            | 16%            | 82%            | 16%            | 87%            | 11%            |
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| Adults                 |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Generation Z: 18-22    |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Millennial: Age 23-38  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Generation X: Age 39-54|                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Boomers: Age 55-73    |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Income: Under 50k     |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Income: 50k-100k      |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Income: 100k+         |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Community: Urban      |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Community: Suburban   |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Community: Rural      |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
Among adults who purchase part of their Thanksgiving meal fully cooked, a majority (69%) are unlikely to use a delivery service to have these dishes delivered to their home.

Thinking about the dishes you purchase fully cooked from a restaurant, grocery store, or other retailer for your Thanksgiving meal, how likely are you to use a delivery service to have these dishes delivered directly to your home?

ADULTS WHO HAVE AT LEAST SOME PART OF THEIR THANKSGIVING MEAL PURCHASED

Very likely: 9%
Somewhat likely: 19%
Somewhat unlikely: 23%
Very unlikely: 46%
Don't know/no opinion: 4%

*n=297
A plurality of adults have 6-10 people at their Thanksgiving meal.

How many people are typically at your Thanksgiving meal?

ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL

- 1-2: 7%
- 3-5: 24%
- 6-10: 36%
- 11-15: 16%
- More than 15: 14%
- Don't know/Unsure: 2%
95% of adults serve turkey at their Thanksgiving meal, and half (49%) serve turkey and ham.

Thinking about your Thanksgiving meal, which of the following items or dishes are typically served? Please select all that apply.

**ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL**

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49% serve turkey and ham
In addition to the tested items, adults also typically serve macaroni and cheese, gravy, corn, and different types of desserts.

In addition to the dishes you selected above, are there any other dishes typically served at your Thanksgiving meal? Please list below any additional dishes that are served. If there typically are not any additional dishes served, please write ‘n/a’ or ‘no’.

ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL

1. Macaroni & cheese
2. Gravy
3. Corn
4. Apple pie
5. Pecan pie
6. Chocolate desserts
Two in five adults are very willing to try new dishes at their Thanksgiving meal.

How willing or unwilling are you to try new dishes at your Thanksgiving meal?

ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL

Very willing: 40%
Somewhat willing: 40%
Somewhat unwilling: 8%
Very unwilling: 3%
Don't know/no opinion: 9%

*n=297
Nearly half of Millennials (48%) are very willing to try new dishes at their Thanksgiving meal.

Which of the following best describes how your Thanksgiving meal is cooked?

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Three in four adults (73%) say a minimal amount (0-10%) of their Thanksgiving meal goes to waste.

Sometimes leftovers from a Thanksgiving meal are thrown away or go to waste. Based on what you know, what percentage of your Thanksgiving meal goes to waste?

**ADULTS WHO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH A MEAL AT HOME**

- 73% 0-10%
- 17% 11-25%
- 3% 26-50%
- 2% More than 50%
- 5% Don't know/unsure
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A strong majority of adults (88%) were not aware that farmers receive 8 cents of each dollar consumers spend on food.

According to the U.S. Agriculture Department’s Economic Research Service, farmers receive 8 cents of each dollar that consumers spend on food. Were you aware of this fact?

U.S. ADULTS

- Yes: 12%
- No: 88%
More than half of adults (57%) say they have visited a farm at some point, and half (48%) say they have met a farmer.

*Have you ever done any of the following? Please select all that apply.*

U.S. ADULTS

- Visited a farmer’s market: 76%
- Visited a farm: 57%
- Met a farmer: 48%
- Talked to a farmer: 45%
- Bought food directly from a farm: 40%
- Interacted with a farmer on social media: 9%
- None of the above: 14%
Three in four adults (73%) are interested in learning more about how their food is produced.

How interested are you in learning more about how your food is produced?

U.S. ADULTS

- Very interested: 44%
- Somewhat interested: 29%
- Somewhat uninterested: 11%
- Very uninterested: 6%
- Don't know/No opinion: 9%
One in three Millennial (35%) and Gen X (36%) adults are very interested in learning more about how their food is produced.

How interested are you in learning more about how your food is produced?

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Three in five adults (62%) have a very favorable opinion of farmers.

Generally, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of farmers?

U.S. ADULTS

- Very favorable: 62%
- Somewhat favorable: 24%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 2%
- Very unfavorable: 1%
- Don't know/No opinion: 11%
Similarly, a strong majority of adults (88%) trust farmers.

How much do you trust farmers?

U.S. ADULTS

- **53%** said they trust farmers a lot.
- **35%** said they trust farmers some.
- **2%** said they trust farmers not much.
- **1%** said they do not trust farmers at all.
- **9%** said they do not know or have no opinion.
A majority of adults (71%) trust modern agriculture.

Agriculture today looks very different than it did even 30 years ago. How much do you trust modern agriculture?

U.S. ADULTS

- A lot: 22%
- Some: 49%
- Not much: 12%
- Not at all: 4%
- Don’t know/No opinion: 12%