

# **Monument Hill Farm**

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## **Products available at the Co-op:**

**Whole turkeys, Bone-in breast and thigh, assorted parts and organs**

## **Animals/Facility:**

1. Are the animals born-on-farm or purchased after born? If purchased, how long on the farm before processing?

**We sometimes hatch our turkeys on the farm, but at this time we are purchasing day-old pullets and raising them 4-5 months.**

2. Is the breed~ heritage, controlled genetics, mainstream breed, or modified?

## **Broad breasted Bronze at this time**

3. What is the diet of the animal? (percentages)

**Our turkeys free range on grass, leaves, and pasture. They have access to grain 24/7. We grow additional greens for the turkeys and they are given a pile every day. This gives them choices and most often they clean out the greens over the grain. Fresh water is always available.**

4. Is the feed organic? Contain genetically modified soy or corn? Conventional non-gmo? Locally grown? Medicated feed? Any controls over quality or origination?

**We feed Poulin grain, Turkey game bird.**

5. Are the animals medicated or given supplements/antibiotics/hormones of any kind?

**No**

6. Is the animal finished, i.e. fed grain for the final portion of its life?

**No**

7. Quality of life: What are the living conditions? What kind of access is there for the animals to free range and have clean pasture?

**The housing is large coops. Each house has a secure attached outside space. The housing has perch bars, windows, and solar lighting. We have additional free range portable pasture for them, which we rotate. It is an essential part of the overall health and safety of our flocks.**

8. How much land is allotted for the animals to graze?

**Our farm is about 8 acres. We are able to give them new pasture as needed.**

9. Give examples of how the animals are treated with respect and kindness.

**The turkeys are talked to during the care and cleaning processes of farming. We provide fresh dirt piles for them to dust bath in and it's very entertaining to watch. Turkey are quite social. They are transported to processing in an enclosed trailer with a layer of hay. They are very comfortable**

**Processing:**

10. Is the meat certified organic, USDA, and/or does it carry any other certification?

**USDA Inspected**

11. What are the farm's controls in-place for resale & inspection/health controls? Licensed?

**Separate refrigeration and freezer storage for meats.**

12. How is the meat processed? Slaughterhouse, field kill, on the farm? If slaughterhouse-include location and name of facility.

**We use Baffoni's Slaughter House in RI. They respectfully treat the birds and carefully sort and identify them.**

13. If answer to 12 is slaughterhouse, how is meat identified and tracked to insure the farmer's meat is not grouped with other farm's meat?

**When the birds arrive at the slaughterhouse they are immediately inspected, unloaded counted, and grouped. Then they are sent to the assembly line and only your birds go through, they are labeled and inspected again. There is no waiting or stress for the birds.**

14. How is the meat wrapped e.g. waxed paper, vacuum sealed, etc.?

**The meat is vacuum sealed. The whole turkeys are bagged and vacuum sealed**

15. Is the meat aged?

**No**

16. Do any of the processed meats contain nitrates, soy (in particular MSG) or any other artificial fillers or flavor enhancers? (for example-if kielbasa or hotdogs contain nitrates or MSG)

**No nitrates or artificial filler or enhancers. No pesticides on the farm. The greens for our turkeys are grown by us organically. The property our turkeys range on is regrowth farm land untouched in at least 45 years. Before that it was open cow pasture so it is a unique growing environment.**

17. What processed products are available without artificial fillers, flavor enhancers or chemical preservatives? (example-hotdogs, bratwurst)

**No processed products**

18. Are you able to freeze the product? This is required for our store to sell.

**Yes, all meat and parts are frozen.**

19. Is meat available in cuts/portions? Are bones or organs available to purchase?

**Yes, we offer whole turkeys, turkey parts, organs, and soup carcasses which have about a pound of meat on them.**

20. How available is your product? Seasonal/year round? Affected by other buyers?

**Year round, however some offers sell out at times.**