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## Turkey Farmers of Canada statement regarding Thanksgiving

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Mississauga, September 25, 2020** - Canadians should follow their provincial and federal government guidance for gathering this Thanksgiving. The health and safety of our fellow Canadians is important to turkey farmers across Canada. While we realize Thanksgiving will be challenging this year, we think Thanksgiving can still be very special even with small gatherings. Thanksgiving traditions with turkey will just look a little bit different.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on all sectors in agriculture, including the turkey sector. Turkey Farmers of Canada saw a significant impact on foodservice and deli counters, which required a decrease in turkey production in response to reduced demand.

The good news is that there are many options for turkey dinners at Thanksgiving to accommodate small gatherings including; buying smaller turkeys, turkey roasts, cooking turkey cuts instead or upsizing your whole turkey for leftovers.

Turkey farmers and their families across Canada extend their sincere wishes for a safe Thanksgiving.

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### About Turkey Farmers of Canada

Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC) is a national organization representing Canada's 530+ turkey farmers. Created in 1974 under the federal *Farm Products Agencies Act*, the Agency encourages cooperation throughout the Canadian turkey industry, promotes the consumption of turkey meat, and oversees the supply management system for turkey in Canada.