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Turkey Trivia

- 1. The Turkey Trot:** Turkeys are known for their distinctive walk, but did you know they can also run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour? And when they're really scared, they might even take flight for short distances.
- 2. Famous Gobbles:** Only male turkeys, called toms, actually gobble. Females, or hens, make a clicking noise. It's like the gents are saying, "Hey, look at me!" and the ladies are like, "Yeah, we hear ya!"
- 3. Presidential Pardon:** Each year, the President of the United States pardons a turkey from being eaten on Thanksgiving Day. This lucky bird gets to live out its days on a farm, probably writing its memoirs.
- 4. Turkey TV Dinners:** The idea for TV dinners came about when someone ordered too many turkeys (260 tons too many!) and decided to package them with some trimmings on the side. Talk about an oopsie that turned into an "Aha!"
- 5. What's a Snood?:** That fleshy bit hanging over the turkey's beak is called a snood, and it changes color with the turkey's mood. Red means he's ready to find a mate, while a blue snood could mean he's scared. It's like a mood ring for his face!
- 6. Turkey Calls:** Hunters use turkey calls to attract them, which can range from a "kee-kee run" to a "purr." It's like turkey for "Hey, you come here often?" and "Just chilling."
- 7. Benjamin Franklin's Bird:** Ben Franklin allegedly argued that the turkey was a more respectable bird and a true native of America compared to the bald eagle. He thought turkeys were a bit more...grounded.