

Female turkeys, called **hens**, lay eggs on a farm.



Eggs are taken to a **hatchery**. At the hatchery eggs are cared for until they hatch. It takes about 28 days for turkey eggs to hatch!



Baby turkeys are called **poults**. The poults are taken to a farm within 48 hours. The male and female poults are taken to different farms.



Male poults arrive at the farm and live in a **brooder barn**. The brooder barn keeps the poults warm. They are here for 5 to 6 weeks.



When the males, called **toms**, are 5 to 6 weeks old they move to a **finisher barn**. Toms stay in the finisher barn until they are fully grown.



Toms are fully grown when they are about 5 months old and weigh 38 pounds.



Fully grown toms are taken to a **processing plant**. The plant makes, or processes, the turkeys into products, like deli meat!



Meat is then packaged and **transported**, or taken, to a distribution center.



Distribution centers transport meat to grocery stores where it is bought by customers.



Turkey is then taken home and used to make a delicious turkey sandwich!