



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!



Female poults can be raised to lay eggs or raised for meat. Female poults raised for meat 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 females, called **hens**, are 5 to 6 weeks old they move to a finisher barn. Hens stay in the **finisher barn** until they are fully grown.



Hens are fully grown when they are 14 weeks or 2 months and 2 weeks old. They weigh about 15.5 pounds.



Fully grown hens are taken to a **processing plant**. The plant makes, or processes turkeys into whole birds. Just like you would eat for thanksgiving dinner!



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 delicious turkey products like sandwiches and whole turkeys!