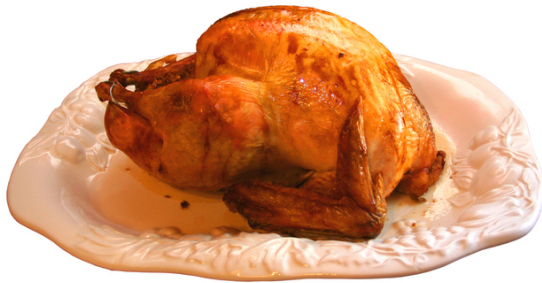


Pasture-Raised Holiday Turkeys

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In last month's eDipper, I wrote about Audubon's Conservation Ranching Initiative and highlighted Corner Post Meats located northeast of Colorado Springs. It seems like it's a good time to let you know that Corner Post has partnered with White Oak Pastures this fall, to offer pasture-raised turkeys for the holiday season.



You may be wondering why I want to encourage you to order your holiday turkey from a farm in Georgia through a purveyor in Colorado. Again, it is about land conservation and humane farming practices in addition to the superior qualities of the meat itself.

White Oak Pastures' website goes into detail about their transition from industrial farming techniques to raising livestock the old-fashioned way: "Turkeys were born to scratch and peck and that's exactly what they do at White Oak Pastures...starting in 1995 we transitioned away from industrial agriculture techniques and began running our farm as a living organism...we now raise 10 species of humanely treated animals...they live in symbiotic relationships with each other and the land. Our lands are holistically managed to become increasingly a living organic medium which is teeming with life."

White Oak Pastures turkeys are Certified Non-GMO (www.agreenerworld.org/certifications/) rated Step 4 out of 5 by the [Global Animal Partnership](#), [Certified Humane](#), and [Ecological Outcome Verified in the Land2Market Program](#). Their turkeys and other livestock are also raised without the use of antibiotics, steroids, and added growth hormones.

All this costs a little more than your typical grocery store frozen Butterball but your support, as small as it may seem, makes a difference as more and more farmers and ranchers realize that land conservation and ethical practices can improve their bottom line. But really, the proof is in the turkeys. They taste great!

[Learn more about White Oak Pastures,](#)

[Learn more about Corner Post Meats](#), Audubon certified in Colorado Springs; their motto is “Meat for people who give a damn”. You can also find ordering information for Pasture-raised turkeys and other meats.