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Not This Year!

Well, perhaps that's being unduly ^{pessimistic} ~~optimistic~~. Obviously there're thousands of Turkeys, all with a strong sense of what's expected of them, so we won't give up hope till we must.... Here's a prime 20-pounder.

Feathers come off in a machine that can fleece anything with almost income-tax efficiency. The turkeys are lucky; they don't feel it.... Any feathers the machine overlooks come off by hand.. And then - what a sight for the hungry!

Now for a pipe dream! It's Xmas morning; the bird is nicely browning; appetites are equal to the occasion. The Golden moment arrives. Yours is a generous cut off the Breast. Ah well, no harm hoping, is there!

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2. Turkeys, turkeys, turkeys — waiting for the fateful day. It had the gobbler guessing during the war years as Thanksgiving's date and week was moved all over the calendar, remember? But gobbler knows the bad news in advance this year as Thanksgiving's date returns to the traditional fourth Thursday in November this year — November 22!
4. At this huge New Hampshire poultry farm part of the Nation's record turkey crop of 45 million birds takes a last strut before heading for the oven. Some of them range up to 40 pounds.
8. After killing, the turkeys go into a de-feathering machine that yanks the toughest top feathers out in a wink. Anything the machine misses is caught by pluckers.
16. Preview of things to come, folks — America's first peace-time Thanksgiving in over three years. What'll you have — light or dark? A little of both, and don't forget the gravy!