THANKSGIVING DAY



You will hear a radio broadcast from the Voice of America Agriculture Report about Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Listen to the recording carefully and fill in the gaps with the missing words.

The holiday of Thanksgiving, which is celebrated in the USA on the fourth Thursday of November, is a version of a **(1)** _____.

On that day, millions of Americans join their loved ones to give thanks and eat a meal with a history that is **(2)** _____ old.

It is considered that the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth **(3)** _____, currently called Massachusetts.

In the autumn of **(4)** _____, the first European settlers in North America held a **(5)** _____ feast to celebrate the harvest with members of a local Indian tribe.

Turkey producers in the USA are expected to raise **(6)** _____ million birds for this occasion. Last year's turkey production amounted to **(7)** _____ billion dollars.

The traditional meal consists of turkey, which is served with a **(8)** _____ called stuffing or dressing, and side dishes such as **(9)** _____, sweet potatoes and green beans or other vegetables. For dessert, they usually eat **(10)** _____ or pecan pie.

Economist John Anderson of the American Farm Bureau Federation says that shortcuts like buying **(11)** _____ for Thanksgiving are part of a bigger trend in the USA. He also says that more people go to **(12)** _____ for dinner than in the past.

Charity groups and **(13)** _____ serve Thanksgiving meals to the needy. Due to the weak economy, the number of Americans receiving government **(14)** _____ to buy food has increased.

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