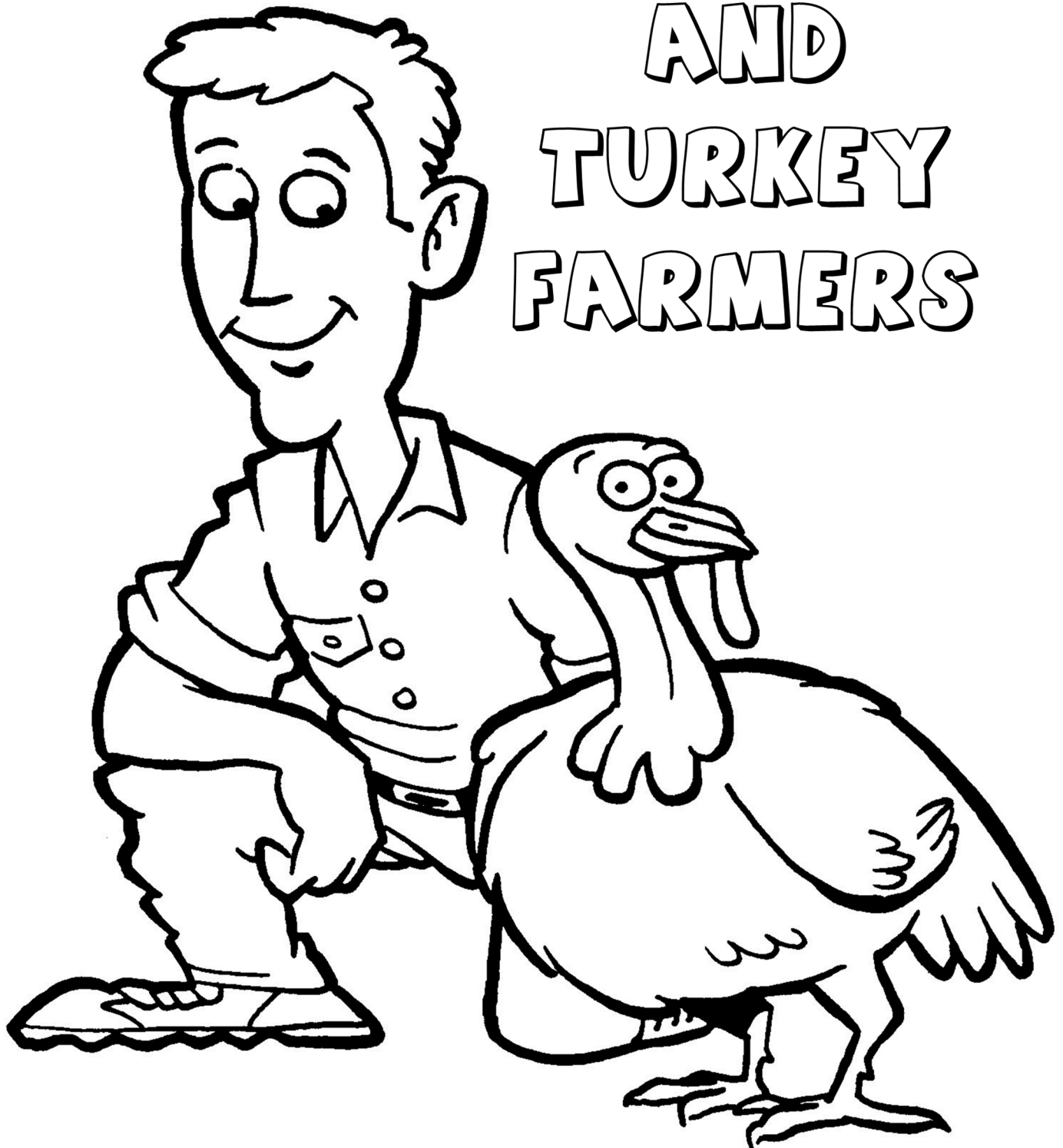
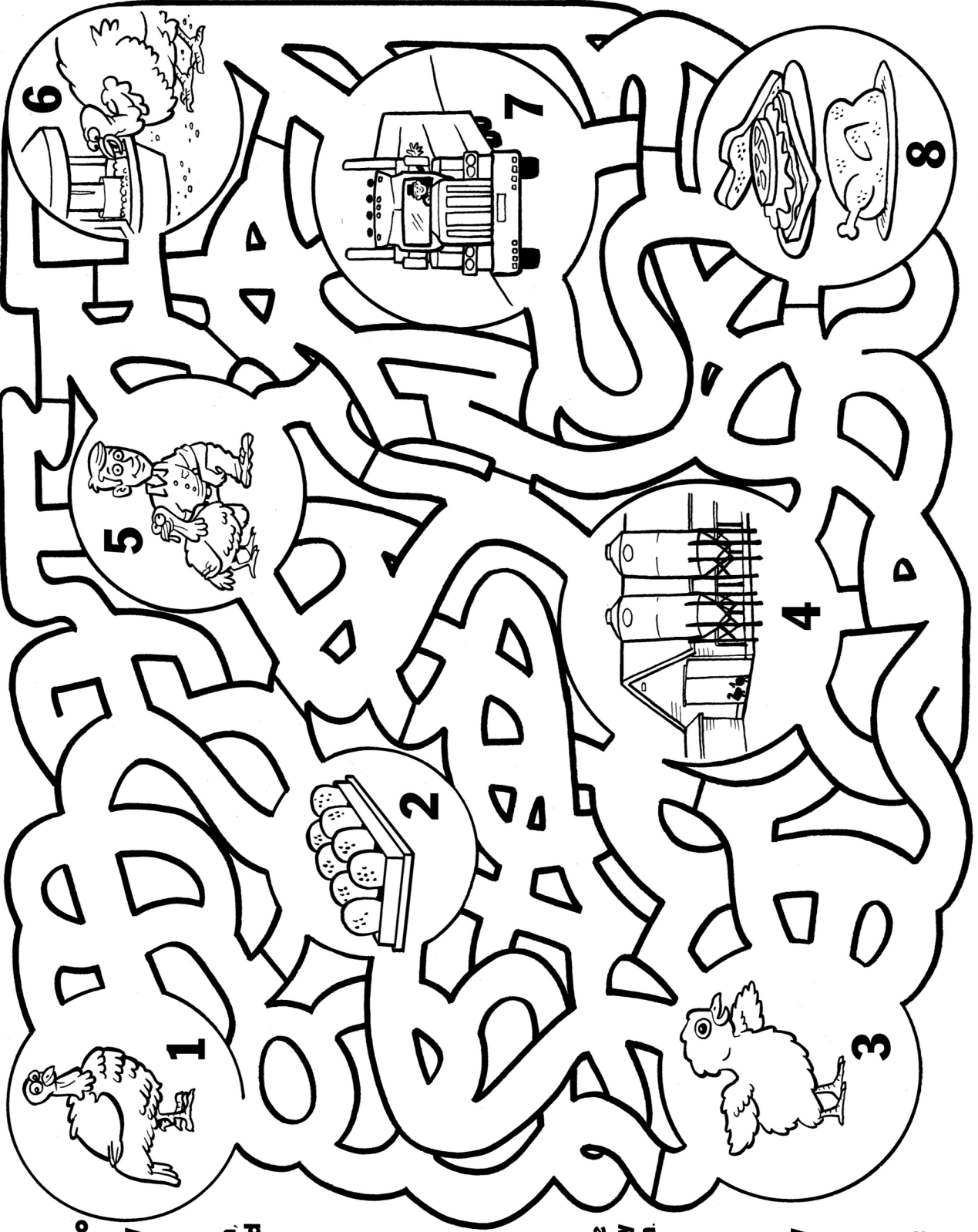


TURKEYS

AND TURKEY FARMERS



FARM TO FORK



1. Female turkeys, also called hens, lay eggs on a farm.

2. The eggs are taken to a hatchery, where they are cared for until they hatch.

3. When the eggs hatch, the baby turkeys, called poults, are taken to a farm.

4. The poults live in a brooder barn on the farm.

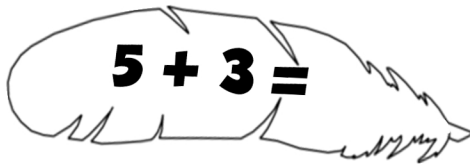
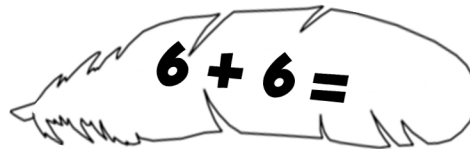
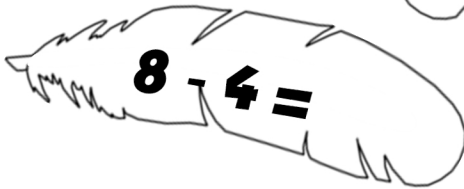
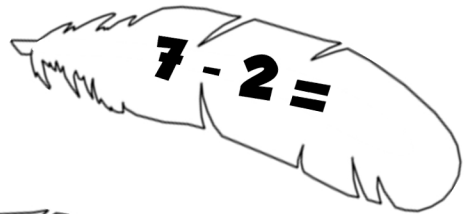
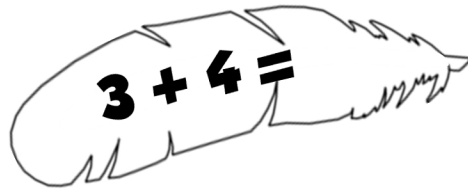
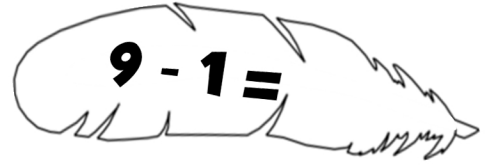
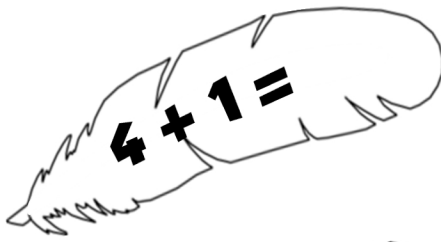
5. A farmer takes care of the turkeys.

6. When the turkeys are about 5 weeks old, they move to a finisher barn.

7. The turkeys are fully grown when they are about 5 months old. Then, they are taken by semi to a processing plant.

8. The processing plant makes the turkeys into meat.

Feather Facts and Poultry Problems



A turkey can be over 48 inches tall. There are 12 inches in a foot. How many feet are in 48 inches?

Turkeys hatch from eggs that are tan with brown specks. It takes 27 days for an egg to hatch. There are 7 days in a week. How many weeks does it take for an egg to hatch?

It takes about 20 weeks to raise a turkey to market weight. How many days are there in 20 weeks?

A turkey will eat 1 bushel of corn in its life time. How many turkeys would 5 bushels of corn feed?

One turkey will eat $\frac{1}{3}$ bushel of soybeans in its life time. How many turkeys will 1 bushel of soybeans feed?

TURKEY WORD SEARCH

A T O Z I H P E
Y S O Y B E A N S A
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Find the underlined words in the word search.

1. Turkeys hatch from eggs. It takes 28 days for an egg to hatch into a young turkey called a poult.
2. A male turkey is called a tom. A female is a hen. A group of turkeys is called a flock.
3. Only the tom turkeys gobble. Hens make a clicking noise.
4. Turkeys have about 3,500 feathers.
5. In a turkey's lifetime they will consume about one bushel of corn and 1/3 bushel of soybeans.

Patriotic Poultry



Benjamin Franklin suggested that the national bird be the turkey, instead of the Bald Eagle.

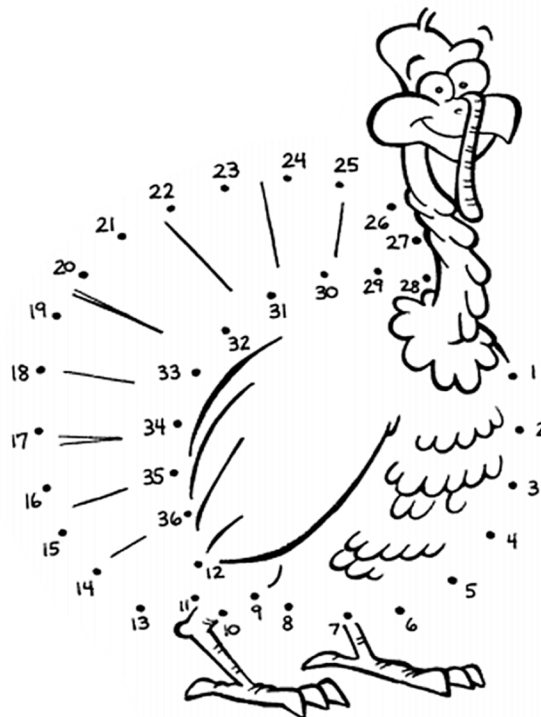
Every November, the President of the United States "pardons" two turkeys. Instead of being eaten for Thanksgiving, those two birds are sent to Disneyland to live.

The average American eats 18 pounds of turkey each year. Half of that is on sandwiches.

Turkeys are native to North America.

Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Turkeys are actually living dinosaurs! They are closely related to Apatosaurus, Tyrannosaurus, and Velociraptor.



Use the code below to fill in the blanks.



1. A group of turkeys is called a _____ .
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2. It takes 28 days for a turkey egg to _____ .
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3. Turkeys eat _____ and _____ .
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4. _____ eats more turkey per person than any other country. The US is second.
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5. Turkey terms:

_____ - colorful skin on the top of the head and hanging off the beak.
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_____ - the colored skin on the neck.
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_____ - black hair on the chest of the tom.
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6. Turkeys have about 3,500 _____ .
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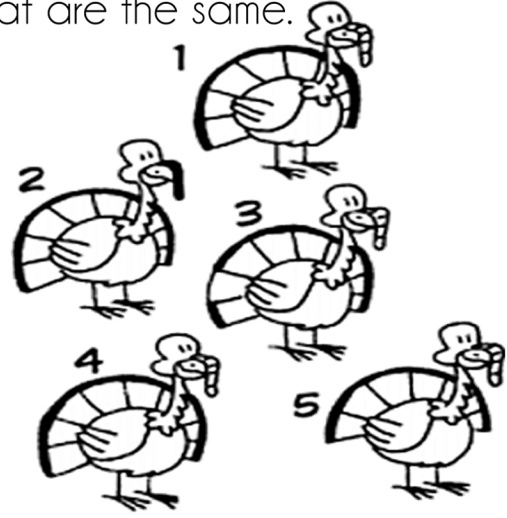
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Baby turkeys are called poults.
Poults are yellow with a few white feathers. Boy turkeys are called toms. Girl turkeys are called hens.

FIND THE MATCH

Circle the two turkeys below that are the same.



Check out www.iowaturkey.org for more kids activities, turkey recipes and information about Iowa's turkey farmers.



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