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According to USDA, the nation's turkey meat production in third-quarter 2014 was 1.5 billion pounds, 2.6 percent higher than a year earlier. This is a turnaround for turkey meat production as production had been lower on a year-over-year basis for the last five consecutive quarters. The gain in turkey production in third-quarter 2014 was due to both a higher number of turkeys slaughtered and an increase in the average liveweight per bird at slaughter. The number of turkeys slaughtered in third-quarter 2014 was 61.1 million, up 1.5 percent from a year earlier. Adding to this increase was a gain in the average liveweight at slaughter to 30.2 pounds per bird, 1.2 percent higher than in third-quarter 2013. This was also a turnaround for weights as the quarterly average live weights in the

U.S. Turkey Production Update

first two quarters of 2014 were below those of the previous year.

Turkey meat production in fourth-quarter 2014 is expected to total 1.5 billion pounds, which would be 5.6 percent higher than in fourth-quarter 2013. This increase is expected to come from both a larger number of turkeys slaughtered and from a continued gain in the average liveweight per bird at slaughter.

Turkey meat production in 2015 is forecast at 5.9 billion pounds, which would be an increase of 3.2 percent from the previous year. The driving factors for the increase are expected to be lower overall feed costs and continued strong prices for whole and turkey parts in the domestic and export markets. The domestic market is expected to benefit from higher prices for beef. Another factor is that turkey stocks at the beginning of 2015 are expected to be lower than the previous year.

Overall turkey cold storage holdings at the end of 2014 are forecast at 215 million pounds, 10 million pounds lower than the previous estimate and down about 9 percent from ending stocks in 2013. In 2015, quarterly overall turkey cold storage holdings are expected to be higher throughout the year, boosted chiefly by higher

production. Higher cold storage holding of whole hens would normally place some downward pressure on whole bird prices. However, prices for whole frozen hen turkeys at the wholesale level averaged \$1.16 per pound in October, up from \$1.07 per pound the previous year (up 9 percent). Whole frozen hen prices are expected to average \$1.12-\$1.16 per pound in fourth-quarter 2014, up about 9 cents from a year earlier. With the exception of the first quarter, quarterly price forecasts for frozen whole hens in 2015 are expected to be down slightly as higher production and higher stock levels for whole hens combine to place downward pressure on prices.

Prices for turkey parts are mixed, even though lower stocks of whole toms would normally place upward pressure on prices as a high percentage of toms are cut up for parts. This seems to be holding for most turkey parts, with prices in September significantly higher than a year earlier for drumsticks, wings, boneless/skinless breasts, and thighs. Prices are especially strong for boneless/skinless breasts, with prices this past September averaging \$4.00 per pound, more than double the price of a year earlier. There are two exceptions to the generally higher prices. First, prices for breasts in

September were \$1.26, down slightly (1 percent) from a year earlier. Second, prices for mechanically separated meat fell to only \$0.30 per pound, 27 percent lower than in September 2013 and down from \$.47 per pound in July. Cold storage holdings of this product were only 2 percent higher at the end of September than the previous year, and stocks at the end of September were significantly lower than at the end of July.

If you have questions about how to safely cook, store and serve food for guests, contact the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline (1-888-674-6854) weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Food Safety & Inspection Service virtual food safety representative, Ask Karen, is available 24/7 in English and Spanish at Ask-Karen.gov or downloadable from the iTunes and Android app stores. The agency also has a Safe Turkey Preparation playlist on its YouTube channel with instructional videos on safely thawing, stuffing, brining, and cooking turkeys. For more information about U.S. poultry production or food safety, contact the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557. We wish you all a happy Thanksgiving! The Extension office will be closed November 27-28 in observance of Thanksgiving. Remember to thank a farmer this holiday season!

Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals T

Y VFJVJWB EQXE EQB MJWW JI X

ATYKL JI NTWYZ EFXHWZFYMBFW

WQJTKL ABE HXNBL

"ZQYBI JI WEXII."

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

BUF PTVLD LPUR YUR CZDXB

BUFD YEPCA EDV FPXZJ BUF

SVVJ E YEDC-IUULVC VQQ

UD QU ZPXU SUJZXZIA.

- JVUPEDC J. JVTZPAUP

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Wanderings from the Woods & Water by Jay Bicknell

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Team Work Buck Part 2

Well, you are probably wondering where or when did Part 1 happen. About this time last year I wrote a column titled Team Work Buck. It was about a buck I shot last year. I would have not shot the big buck without some help of a good friend Adam Jackson. He pushed the big buck out of cedar thicket into the perfect opening for me to get the shot.

Team Work Buck Part 2, I get to return the favor. Adam and I decided to hunt Pendleton County last week. The truck temperature gauge read 10 degrees when we got out of the truck. There was about 3 inches of snow on the ground. It was COLD. The thought of sitting in a stand at 10 degrees hurt! I managed to make it to a two-man ladder stand and Adam went to a lock-on stand.

Adam's stand was about 500 yards from where I killed Team Work Buck 1 at. His stand overlooked a wooded creek bottom and a cedar thicket. It was about 15 minutes after daylight, I heard a shot from Adam's direction. I got the text he had shot a big doe. He was not going to get down for awhile to see if a buck might come through.

The stand I was at was in a great location. It set back from where three deer trails came together. It was becoming apparent that the deer on this farm don't use these trails when it's cold! It was getting to be about 8:30 a.m., and I had not seen a deer. I was getting worried that my left little toe had froze and broke off in my boot. I texted Adam and told him I would get down at 9:15 a.m. and do a little drive through the cedars towards him. I was hoping to push a buck out to him and get feeling back into my feet!

At 9:00 a.m., Adam saw a nice buck walk into cedars. He

could not get a shot because it was so thick. I was down and headed that way at 9:15 a.m. I meandered my way through the thick cedars. I was about 200 yards from Adam's stand when I heard a shot ring out. I was hoping he had gotten a big buck.

The text come in that buck was down. I headed that way to see the buck. Once I got there Adam told me how it all went down. He had gotten out of the stand to get a better view where the buck had gone into the cedars. I had pushed out three does and they kept looking back. The buck come out from behind them and ran straight towards Adam. The buck was at point blank range. The story ended with a wall hanger on the ground.

The hard work began when we started dragging deer up a steep hill to the truck. The freezing cold I had felt earlier was over! After dragging two deer up a steep hill it looked like I had just gone through a rain storm. I was dripping wet with sweat. I didn't kill the buck but was just as excited if I had shot a big buck. I got to return a favor almost a year to the day in almost the exact same spot. It was one of those hunts I will never forget.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation.

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Gifts for Bird Lovers
Give a little sunshine to the bird lover in your life. Consider these bird-themed items: jigsaw puzzles, coloring books, sun catchers, wall calendars, pocket planners, journals, sketch books, note cards, coffee or tea mugs, salt/pepper shakers, serving trays, tote bags, field guides, binoculars, and on and on. Be creative. Enjoy the season.

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Adam Jackson with team work buck part 2.



Propolis

Propolis is a resin collected by honeybees from tree buds, used to fill crevices in their hives and to seal and varnish honeycombs. It has a long history of medicinal uses - Greeks and Assyrians used it for healing wounds and tumors, and Egyptians used it for mummification. It is still used by traditional practitioners for its anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial and immune-boosting properties.

- Brenda Weaver

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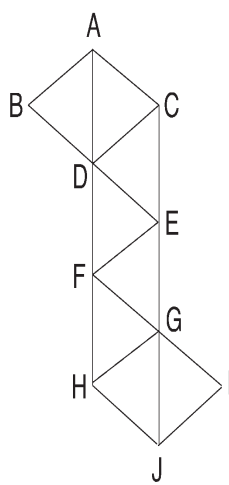
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Stickeler's Puzzle



by Terry Stickels

How many 4-sided figures are in the drawing below?



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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

Puzzle Answers November 26, 2014

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Why do turkeys gobble, gobble?

Because they never learned good table manners.

Letter Box

Solution

I	N	T	E	A	V	P	L	O
E	V	P	O	L	N	A	T	I
A	O	L	P	I	T	N	V	E
N	A	I	V	E	P	L	O	T
V	T	E	L	O	A	I	N	P
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Even Exchange

answers

- Hardy, Harry
- Wealth, Health
- Storm, Store
- Degree, Decree
- Oolong, Oblong
- Ambie, Ample
- Cornet, Corner
- Model, Motel
- Throb, Throw
- Shiver, Shiner

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	4	9	6	8	5	2	1	7
6	7	2	3	1	9	8	5	4
8	5	1	7	2	4	6	3	9
1	8	4	5	3	7	9	6	2
9	2	6	8	4	1	5	7	3
7	3	5	2	9	6	1	4	8
4	9	8	1	6	3	7	2	5
2	6	7	4	5	8	3	9	1
5	1	3	9	7	2	4	8	6

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

A	P	S	E	A	M	P	A	Q	U	A	
R	O	W	S	L	E	A	S	U	N	G	
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P	E	S	O	D	E	A	L	I	K	E	
T	E	N	S	L	A	N	T	N	O	G	
A	L	A	T	Y	R	O	A	G	I	O	
B	I	K	I	N	I	R	A	D	I	O	
E	D	I	E	F	R	A	C	K	I	N	
R	E	N	T	F	U	N	E	V	E	R	
G	A	G	A	Y	E	T	D	A	Z	E	

Bible Trivia Answers

Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" is available from BearManorMedia.com

ANSWERS: (1) New; (2) Ca-
nical hours; (3) 4; (4) 1 John; (5) 7
Nicomemus; (6) 7