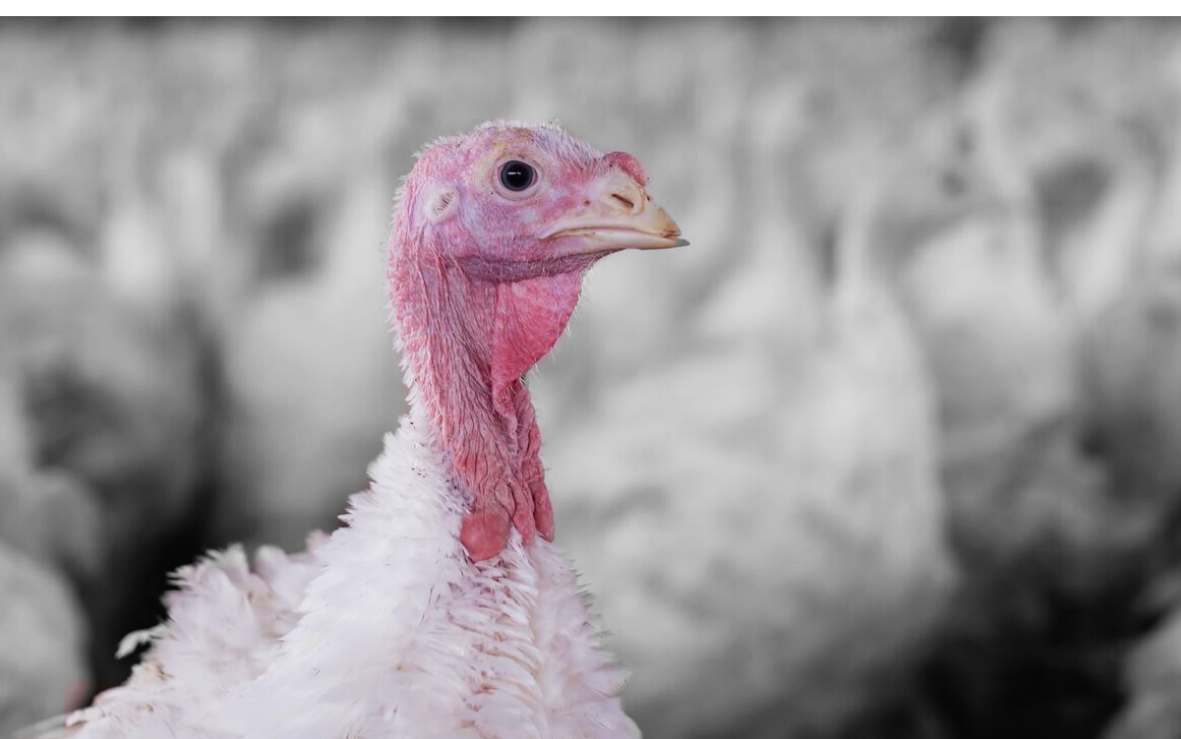


Welfare of turkeys on farm



Turkeys are raised for meat production in large flocks across the EU, mainly in indoor housing. Systems with covered veranda and outdoor range are also used.

EFSA's experts reviewed the latest scientific evidence to assess the living conditions of turkeys on farm and provided recommendations to improve their welfare, focusing on housing, management and breeding.

What kind of turkeys?



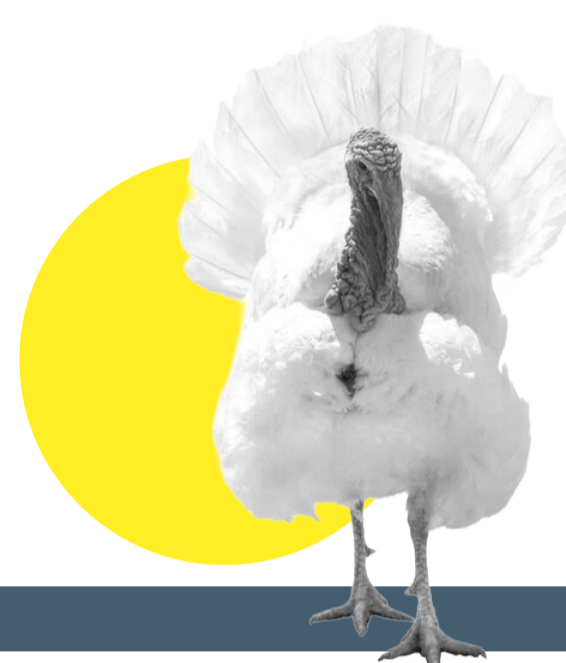
POULTS

Hatched turkeys up to 7 days of age



TURKEYS KEPT FOR FATTENING

Turkeys kept between 15 and 22 weeks raised for their meat ranging from 7 kg to 25 kg respectively



BREEDING TURKEYS

Turkeys that are raised and selected to become the parents and older generations of turkeys kept for fattening

A focus on welfare



Space

Give turkeys **enough room to perform motivated behaviours**, at least 0.49 m² for 7 kg birds and 0.82 m² for 25 kg birds.

Litter quality

Keep litter **dry, clean and friable**.

Environmental enrichment

Provide **foraging materials** to explore and **elevated platforms** for perching.

Air quality

Ensure **good ventilation** keeping ammonia below 10 ppm and CO₂ below 2000 ppm.

Breeding

Breeding should focus on improving welfare such as strengthening leg health.

Mutilations

Mutilation practices such as beak trimming, de-snooding and toe-trimming **should be avoided**.

Light conditions

Provide a **minimum light intensity** of 10 lux and UV-A light.

Appropriate housing, management and breeding are key to improve turkey welfare and health.