



THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621, but it wasn't observed as a national holiday until 1863.

The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.

50 million pumpkin pies are eaten on Thanksgiving but it's not the favorite. Apple is the overwhelming favorite followed by chocolate and pecan.

The largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 3,699 pounds and measured 20 feet in diameter.

"Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song.

Only male turkeys gobble.

Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries.

L&M WORD SEARCH

Below is a list of traditional Thanksgiving food items. See if you can find them all in the word search box!

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HINT: Words may be hidden in all directions ↑ ↓ → ← ↘

APPLE PIE	GRAVY	ROLLS
CANDIED YAMS	MASHED POTATOES	STUFFING
CASSEROLE	PECAN PIE	SWEET POTATOES
CRANBERRIES	PUMPKIN PIE	TURKEY

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WITH NOVEMBER HERE, we start to think about Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is about being thankful and, of course, enjoying all the wonderful food we get to eat.

Here at L&M Radiator's HQ, we have a friendly little Department Hosted Lunch competition. It is also a team-building activity that we started back in 2019. It's all about the food.

Our office departments are sorted into eight teams who cook two meals each, 16 lunches total, throughout the summer. Every Thursday, a selected department cooks lunch for our entire plant (including midnights). We also invite our retirees to join us for our tasty meals, so we cook about 280 meals each week.

We would like to thank all our teams for a job well done on all meals they've cooked. We know they will continue to solve problems in our lunchroom and with your equipment.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we'd like to thank the people who drive L&M's continued success. To our staff, thank you for working hard to solve problems and send high-quality products out the door. To our vendors, thank you for sending us the materials and parts we need to keep our production lines moving. Lastly, to our customers, thank you for your continued trust in the best and only genuine Mesabi® products on the market.

David Christensen

CREATIVITY AT ITS BEST:

At L&M Radiator, we have to think outside the box to solve heating and cooling challenges for our customers. This cooking challenge is no different for our teams. Our teams think outside the box and come up with some excellent meals, setting a high bar. They also think outside the box on how to cook these meals. Our break room area has microwaves and warming dishes, and we have an incredible outdoor grill and griddle, but there are no stoves or ovens. Our Quality and Purchasing team got creative to make their hot Cuban sandwiches. They used two Komatsu feet with a cookie sheet to weigh down the sandwiches to give them the flat press.



MOST FRUGAL AWARD:

The goal for everyone is to provide the best lunch over the course of the summer, and everyone gets a vote. Our teams are given a budget, and if they bust their budget, their lunch is not added to the ballot. An award is given for the cheapest lunch – the Most Frugal Award – which went to the Fancy Grilled Cheese and soup complements of Research & Design (R&D), which also ranked in the top 5 out of 16.



MOST FRIENDLY, FUN AND CREATIVE GROUP:

We also have an award for The Most Friendly, Fun and Creative Group. The teams are allowed to buy decorations if they want, but it must come out of their budget, thus potentially sacrificing a good meal to win votes or possibly going over budget. This year's winner was our HR & IT team, hosting a 2nd Annual L&M Summer Camp.



MVP AWARD:

We have an MVP Award for the employee that goes above and beyond. This year Jim Eliason (Accounting) won by coming in and cooking fresh for our midnight crew.



GOLDEN PLATTER AWARD:

The coveted grand prize award is the Golden Platter Award. This award goes to the team whose lunch wins the most votes. Each team member gets a special award, and this year they each received an embroidered double oven mitt with 15 food charms sewn on. Although our awards might be cheesy, the smiles on our employees' faces from the meals throughout the summer are rewarding. This year in Hibbing, the Production Engineering/Production/Safety group won, and in Yankton, the Production Assistant won.

