

Turkeys of 2020

We raised 24 turkeys this year.

We raised both Broad Breasted Bronze and Broad Breasted White birds.

The two varieties are identical except for color.

Processors prefer white birds, of all species. White birds are easier to prepare for sale. It is difficult to get every tiny feather. Small white feathers are not as easy to see as small black feathers.

Animals on pasture tend to grow at different rates.

That just seems to be an expression of individual behavior.

Some forage harder than others.

Some play more than others.

Animals in confinement tend to grow at the same rate.

They have no choices.

Some of our pastured turkeys reach harvest weight well before others.

Our customers generally want birds around 20 pounds, dressed.

To manage that, I take turkeys to our processor on at least two dates each Fall.

About four weeks ago we had the ten largest processed.

They averaged very close to 20 pounds each.

The remaining turkeys go in next week.

They should be around 20 pounds when dressed also.

Except for Gail's Thanksgiving turkey.

She likes her turkey to enjoy Thanksgiving morning. Tom.



