

sides and desserts

Only a few days until Thanksgiving and you're not ready? Don't let it ruffle your feathers. Thankfully, Strack & Van Til has a cornucopia of last-minute items to save the holiday.

Pick the perfect bird from a wide variety including fresh, frozen, organic and locally raised turkeys. Strack & Van Til Meat Department Director Gary Teachman recommends a frozen turkey such as Select Honeysuckle, Butterball and Mary's Free Range all-Natural Turkey if purchasing in advance.

"Keep the turkey in the freezer and defrost a few days before Thanksgiving," he says. "Defrosting time depends on the turkey's weight, so check the label for details."

Frozen Honeysuckle Young Turkey with a pop-up timer is tender, juicy and deep basted with Honeysuckle's natural turkey broth and natural seasonings throughout the entire bird. There are no added fats, oils, sugars or MSG, and the turkey is gluten-free. This Grade A, premium quality bird is backed by Honeysuckle's satisfaction guarantee.

The Meat Department at Strack & Van Til also offers Butterball Frozen Whole Turkeys. Raised without hormones on American farms, high-quality, Butterball Frozen Whole Turkey is all natural and gluten-free.

For a turkey raised without any antibiotics ever, try a Frozen Organic Turkey. Mary's Organic Turkey is available at select stores but can be ordered.



Is fresh your favorite? Choose a fresh Honeysuckle White, Butterball, or "local" Bowman & Landes whole turkey.

Honeysuckle White Fresh Whole Turkey was the first brand raised without growth-promoting antibiotics at a reasonable price. Tender and juicy, this turkey is prebasted for exceptional flavor. Fresh, all-natural Butterball Whole Turkeys are high quality and give customers their time-honored Butterball tradition even with no time to thaw.

Like to shop locally? Try a fresh Bowman & Landes
Turkey. Their farms are in nearby Ohio. The
independently owned farm dates back to 1915. They've
raised free range turkeys for four generations and are
one of the last remaining independent family-owned
and operated turkey farms a dressing plant in the
country. This hearty tom grows more slowly to develop
richer flavor and denser texture.

Want to keep it quick and simple? Try a cook-in-the-bag turkey, including Jennie-O Boneless Breast. Even easier is Kentucky Legend Fully Cooked Roasted Boneless Turkey Breast or a Frick's carver ham which can both be warmed in 45 minutes or served as is. Add Bob Evan's sides including Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli & Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes or Glazed Apples to finish a great tasting quick Thanksgiving dinner.

Hosting a smaller gathering? Shop the Deli Department for single-serve or by-the-pound portions of oven-roasted turkey breast, ham slices and Strack & Van Til's famous Fried or Grilled Chicken. Round out your meal with deli sides including garlic mashed potatoes, collard greens, green bean casserole, Our Own stuffing and a wide variety of potato and pasta salads.

Guests usually come hungry for Thanksgiving dinner, so be sure to have a party tray or two on hand to tide them over until the main meal is served.

Build your own charcuterie board with specialty cheeses, meats, fruit spreads, hot honey, olives and crackers.

There's also a new ready-made charcuterie tray in the Deli Department's order ahead "entertaining made easy" selections www.strackandvantil.com/order-ahead). An array of delicious Gouda, Monterey Jack, mild cheddar, Colby Jack, hard salami, pepperoni, pretzelized pita chips, grapes and a fruit spread are sure to please your guests' palates.

Finish strong with delectable desserts such as silken pumpkin mousse, Cheesecake Delight or Our Signature taffy apple salad from the Deli Department.

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Visit the Bakery Department for a full assortment of pies including crowd-favorite pumpkin, sweet potato and pecan. Treat your guests and yourself to irresistible scratch made butter cookies, beautifully arranged homestyle cookie platters and decadent scratch made cupcakes. Strack & Van Til's luscious crème cheese iced pumpkin bars and party platters are always a hit at this time of year.

While you're there, stock up on the Strack & Van Til Bakery's scratch made brown-and-serve rolls to accompany your dinner.

Whether you're hosting a full feast or a serving a smaller spread—from turkey to trimmings and pies to party trays—let Strack & Van Til turn your last-minute Thanksgiving scramble into a celebration to

