



IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND SITES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Holidays are spent with family and friends enjoying family favorites, making memories and trying new recipes. It is during this time that we prepare certain dishes only during this season and we forget from year to year simply guidelines or information. Below are some important numbers and websites that can provide you information at your fingertips while you are preparing your holiday meal. These call in lines and Web sites offer advice and answer questions on food safety about holiday cooking. Put these references in your addresses book to refer to.

USDA Meat and Poultry Hot Line: 1-800-535-4555, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM weekdays year round, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM Thanksgiving Day; automated service available 24 hours a day. Website: www.foodsafety.gov

Butterball Turkey Talk-Line: 1-800-BUTTERBALL, 8:00 AM-8:00 PM (CST) weekdays, Nov. 1 through Dec. 21. Website: www.butterball.com

Honeysuckle White Holiday Help Line: 1-800-810-6325, 24 hours/day 7 days a week, year round. Website: www.honeysucklewhite.com

Reynolds Kitchen Turkey Tips Line: 1-800-745-4000, 24 hours/day 7 days a week, Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 (EST). Recorded message. Reynolds General Information Help Line: 1-800-433-2233, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (EST). Website: www.reynoldskitchens.com

Fleischmann's Yeast Baker's Help Line: 1-800-777-4959, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM (CST) Daily . Website: www.breadworld.com

Land O'Lakes Holiday Bake Line: 1-800-782-9606. 8:00 AM-7:00 PM (EST) daily Nov. 1 through Dec. 24. Website: www.landolakes.com

Empire Kosher Poultry Hot Line: 1-800-367-4734, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM (EST), Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Friday, year round. Website: www.empirekosher.com

Ocean Spray Consumer Help Line: 1-800-662-3263, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (EST) weekdays year round, including Thanksgiving Day (closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day and other major holidays). Website: www.oceanspray.com

Perdue: 1-800-473- 7383, year round (except Christmas Day), 9:30 AM-6:00 PM (EST) weekdays, 7:00 AM-4:00 PM Thanksgiving Day. Website: www.perdue.com

National Turkey Federation: Website: www.eatturkey.com

Cook's Illustrated Turkey Help: Website: www.turkeyhelp.com

For more information on holiday food safety contact the University of Florida, IFAS,

Sumter County Extension Office at 352-793-2728 or Email: mmaddox@ufl.edu