













THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY
Heritage Turkey Breed Comparison Chart

Photos	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Purpose	Adult Weight M/F (lbs.)	Owner Experience Level	Uses and Notes
	Beltsville Small White	United States	Threatened	Meat	M: 21 F: 12	Novice	Difficult to source; dresses clean
	Black	Europe	Watch	Meat	M:33 F: 18	Novice	May have dark pin feathers or ink spots on skin when processed
	Bourbon Red	United States	Watch	Meat	M:33 F: 18	Novice - Intermediate	Dresses clean; deep mahogany-red color can be difficult to perfect; avoid reddish-orange birds
	Standard Bronze	United States	Watch	Meat	M:36 F: 20	Novice - Intermediate	May have dark pin feathers; a very challenging color pattern to perfect
	Chocolate (All other varieties)	United States	Watch	Meat		Novice	Dresses clean

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	Jersey Buff (all other varieties)	United States	Watch	Meat	M:33 F: 18	Novice	Dresses clean
	Lavender / Lilac (all other varieties)	United States	Watch	Meat	M:33 F: 18	Novice - Intermediate	Dresses clean; color can be difficult to perfect
	Midget White (all other varieties)	United States	Watch	Meat, Eggs	M:20 F: 10	Novice	Dresses clean; exceptional layer among turkeys, up to 80 eggs; many are very people oriented birds
	Narragansett	United States	Watch	Meat	M:33 F: 18	Novice - Intermediate	May have dark pin feathers; difficult color to perfect
	Royal Palm	United States	Watch	Meat, Exhibition	M:22 F: 12	Novice - Intermediate	Seems to be somewhat more heat tolerant than other strains; difficult pattern to perfect on feathers

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	Slate	United States	Watch	Meat	M:33 F: 18	Novice - Intermediate	May have dark pin feathers; difficult color to perfect
	White Holland	United States	Threatened	Meat	M:36 F: 20	Novice	Dresses clean

