

OF AMERICANS **EAT TURKEY ON THANKSGIVING**

with 46 million turkeys consumed.



DISLIKE THE CLASSICS

but still eat them for **tradition**.



\$50-\$60

Is the current average Thanksgiving Meal cost.



30% OF DINNERS NOW FEATURE ALTERNATIVES

to the traditional turkey meal.



A BUDGET FRIENDLY **COMFORT CLASSIC**

Mac & Cheese remains a budget friendly classic, with inflation at 3-7% (lower than most items) while shelf-stable options see just 1% inflation.



A CLASSIC AMERICAN SIDE BEATS THE ALTERNATIVES

Mac & Cheese outperforms

gravy, canned veggies, and instant potatoes, though they remain popular picks.

Four standout items earned 4 stars, excelling despite lower OAL scores, rivaling Mac & Cheese.

OAL averages 7, but the Curion Score offers clearer insights.

When it's not homemade, consumers prefer refrigerated Mac & Cheese over frozen or shelf-stable options.

Thanksgiving Sides Benchmark



Curion Score found FIVE 5-star products—4 of them are frozen! Think your Mac & Cheese is a winner? It just might be!



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING: **PIES & LEFTOVERS**

50 MILLION

Pumpkin pies are eaten while Apple pie remains america's favorite.



PREFERRED CHOICE

23%

Pecan Pie

Pumpkin Pie Apple Pie

80% LOVE LEFTOVERS

Many Americans actually **enjoy Thanksgiving leftovers MORE** than the meal itself.

HOW DO THEY EAT THEM?

20%

Turkey Sandwiches

† 60%

Make Soup

† 15%

Create Casserole

