

#### SHOPPING LIST

- 1 fresh free-range turkey, 14-22 lb.
- 2 1/2 c. kosher salt
- 3 oz. dry herb rub or commercial poultry seasoning, or 1 qt. orange juice and 1/2 bunch fresh tarragon or savory
- 1 lb. carrots
- 1 bunch celery
- 2 large yellow onions
- 1 large shallot
- 1/4 bunch fresh tarragon or savory
- white wine
- 1 lb. unsalted butter
- 3 c. flour
- 1 lb. chicken sausage, preferably flavored with apple or plum

- white balsamic vinegar
- 1 loaf bread cut into cubes and allowed to air dry
- 4 c. chicken stock (low-sodium)
- (2) 1 lb. bags fresh cranberries
- 1 1/3 c. white sugar
- 1 orange
- 3/4 c. oatmeal
- 3/4 c. light brown sugar
- 4 granny smith apples
- whole nutmeg (plus grater)
- black pepper
- 1 pt. whipped cream or vanilla ice cream

## Menu

### Turkey

- 1. Soak turkey (unless pre-basted) in brine of 2 c. kosher salt per gallon of water for a 14–22 lb. bird:
  - remove and save giblets and neck
  - rinse turkey and season with salt
  - place in a large pot and cover turkey completely with water
  - refrigerate
- 2. After at least 4 hours:
  - remove turkey from brine
  - rinse under cold water
  - pat dry with paper towels
  - season skin with dry rub, or spread orange juice and fresh herbs under skin on top of breast meat
- 3. Preheat standard oven to 400°/ convection to 325°, with oven rack in lowest position.
- 4. Prepare turkey for roasting:
  - tuck wing tips under back
  - force one drum stick tip through skin at the bottom end and tuck the other drum stick under it
  - place in roasting pan with rack insert (lined with aluminum foil)
- 5. Roast for 45 min., or until crisp. Carefully turn bird breast side down and continue roasting until internal thermometer reads 174°.
- 6. Remove from oven and let rest for at least 30 min. before moving to platter. Reserve pan drippings.





# Thanksgiving Menu

#### Gravy

- 1. With reserved drippings, separate fat from the stock.
- 2. Place roasting pan on burner over medium heat and add:
  - 2 tbs. turkey fat
  - 2 diced carrots
  - 4 diced celery stalks
  - 1 large onion chopped
  - 1 large shallot minced
  - 1/4 bunch of chopped tarragon or savory
  - giblets and neck meat chopped
- 3. Saute meat and vegetables for 8 min. until brown and caramelized. Deglaze pan with:
  - 1 c. white wine
  - reserved stock
  - 3 c. chicken broth
  - 1/2 c. water
- 4. Reduce by 1/3 and strain liquid into bowl, discarding giblets and vegetables.
- 5. In large sauce pan over medium heat, make a roux with 1/2 stick butter and enough flour to make a thick paste. Cook for 12 min., stirring constantly.
- 6. Lower heat and slowly whisk in reduced liquid until reaching gravy consistency. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

#### Stuffing

- 1. To a large sauce pan, over medium heat, add:
  - 1/2 c. turkey fat or butter
  - 2 carrots diced
  - 3 celery stalks diced
  - 1 large onion minced
- 2. Cook until caramelized and add:
  - 1/2 c. water or fruit juice
  - 1 lb. chicken sausage diced
  - 2 tbs fresh herbs chopped (optional)
- 3. Cook completely and deglaze with 1/2 c. white balsamic vinegar. As liquid begins to evaporate, add 4 c. diced bread. If too dry, add chicken stock, season with salt and pepper and keep warm.

#### Cranberry sauce

- 1. In a small saucepan, over medium low heat, combine:
  - 1 bag rinsed fresh cranberries
  - 1/3 c. white sugar
  - 2 tbs. white balsamic vinegar
- 2. Stir until cranberries begin to pop. Lower heat and add the zest of one orange. Cook slowly until reaching a syrup consistency.
- 3. Chill until serving.



### Apple Cranberry Crumble

- 1. Preheat standard oven to 400°/ convection to 350°.
- 2. Pulse in a food processor:
  - 3/4 c. oatmeal
  - 3/4 c. flour
  - 3/4 c. light brown sugar
  - 1/2 stick butter cubed
- 3. Peel, core and cube apples.
- 4. In a heavy sauce pan, over medium heat, combine:
  - 1 bag rinsed fresh cranberries
  - 1 c. white sugar
  - 1/2 tsp. grated whole nutmeg
- 5. Cook until cranberries pop.
- 6. Transfer mixture to a buttered casserole. Cover with oat topping and place in oven for about 25 min., or until topping becomes blond and fruit begins to bubble.
- 7. Allow to rest and serve with fresh whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.



