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Want a pasture-ized bird? Order yours now

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If you can't make it to the Mansion on Turtle Creek for Thanksgiving or Christmas this year, you at least can put a similar turkey on the table. This year, the Mansion is going with pastured turkeys raised on a Hill Country ranch exclusively for the restaurant.

If you'd like to get a heritage or pastured turkey on the table at your house, now is the time to place an order with a producer. Almost everyone who tries these birds believes they offer superior taste and texture.

Heritage turkeys are just that: heritage breeds that have been revived.

Here are some of the nearby producers. Each has slightly different birds. Some producers offer delivery for an extra fee, while some require the buyer to pick up the dressed bird.

Duane Dawson: Heritage birds, 10 to 18 pounds; cost is \$3.50 per pound. Call him in Cleburne at 817-558-3697 or send e-mail to rainshadowranch57@hotmail.com.

Margaret Drake: Heritage turkeys, 14 to 25 pounds; cost is \$3.50 per pound. Call Ms. Drake in Glen Rose at 254-897-4974 or send e-mail to mdrake@htcomp.net.

Rehoboth Ranch: Pastured, not heritage, turkeys from 12 to 17 pounds; cost is \$2.49 per pound. Rehoboth is part of Texas Meats at the City of Dallas Farmers Market. Call the ranch near Greenville at 903-450-8145 or see www.rehobothranch.com.

Slanker's Grass-Fed Meats: Heritage turkeys, pastured and fed only grass; cost is \$5.98 a pound. Delivery by UPS. Call the company at 903-732-4653 or 866-752-6537 or go to www.texasgrassfedbeef.com.

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