

Cook's Question

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ANSWER — A New Holland reader, with an old-fashioned smokehouse wanted instructions for smoking turkey. Thanks to Fay Leslie, Woodstown, N.J., who has an old-fashioned smokehouse and frequently smokes both chickens and turkeys. Also, thanks to Loretta Kurt, Allensville, and Ruth Ann Fosselman, McAlisterville, for sending recipes.

Smoked Turkey

Build fire in fire pit. Use cherry, apple, or sassafras wood. Choose a day that is cold and quiet. Wind removes the smoke from the smokehouse and warm weather might allow the meat to spoil. Adjust lid on fire to maintain smoke production.

Remove giblets, etc., from bird cavity. Make a noose of a light rope and secure it well around 1 leg of each bird. Pull tight. Hang birds on hooks not over the fire pit to stay cooler.

Check the fire regularly (about every 30 minutes) to keep building filled with smoke. Smoke turkeys approximately 6 hours, chickens for 4 hours. Freeze immediately for later use. Salt and pepper to taste when cooked.

Fay writes: Be prepared for many people knocking on your door to say the outhouse is on fire! Wash your hair!

Smoked Turkey Brine

For each four quarts water, add:

- 1½ cups curing salt (Morton)
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 3 cups cider
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 3 tablespoons black pepper
- ½ cup lemon juice

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — State-owned museums throughout Pennsylvania are opening their doors free of charge to all visitors on Sunday, March 13 from noon to 5 p.m. Landis Valley, the largest Pennsylvania German museum of rural life, is one of the participants. This special day is in honor of William Penn receiving the charter for Pennsylvania from King Charles II in 1681.

Rated "exceptional" by AAA, Landis Valley will offer a variety of demonstrations — from leather working and gunsmithing to spinning, bandbox making, tinsmithing, Fraktur and more. Tasty food

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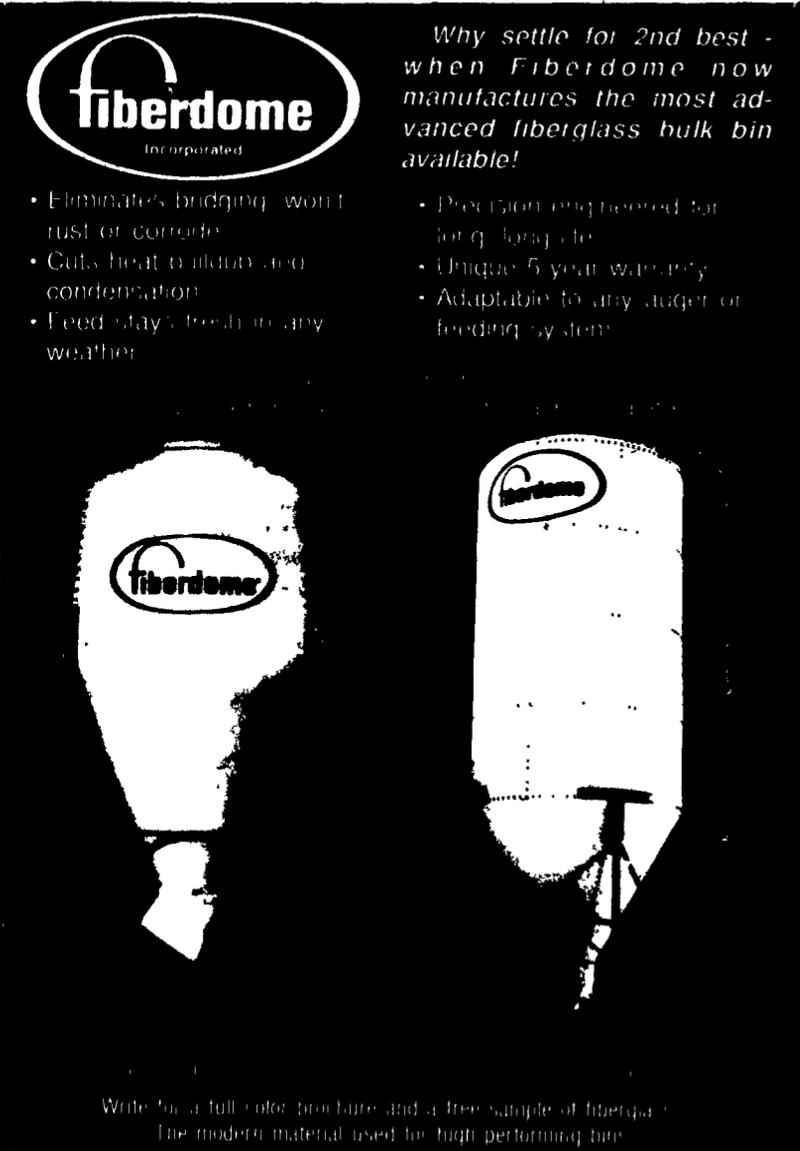
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If using frozen turkey, thaw completely. Mix all the ingredients in a non-aluminum container that is large enough to submerge the bird. Simmer over medium heat 5 minutes per pound. Remove bird from brine and allow to air dry one hour. Rub skin with brown sugar. You will need a drip pan. Smoke 1 hour per pound basting with melted butter every 1½ hours. Use hickory flavored chips for smoking. Remove turkey and place in roasting pan and cook in 300-degree oven until done. The bird should look a rich golden brown and the leg joints should move freely in their sockets. The meat can be frozen. Loretta uses an electric smoker.



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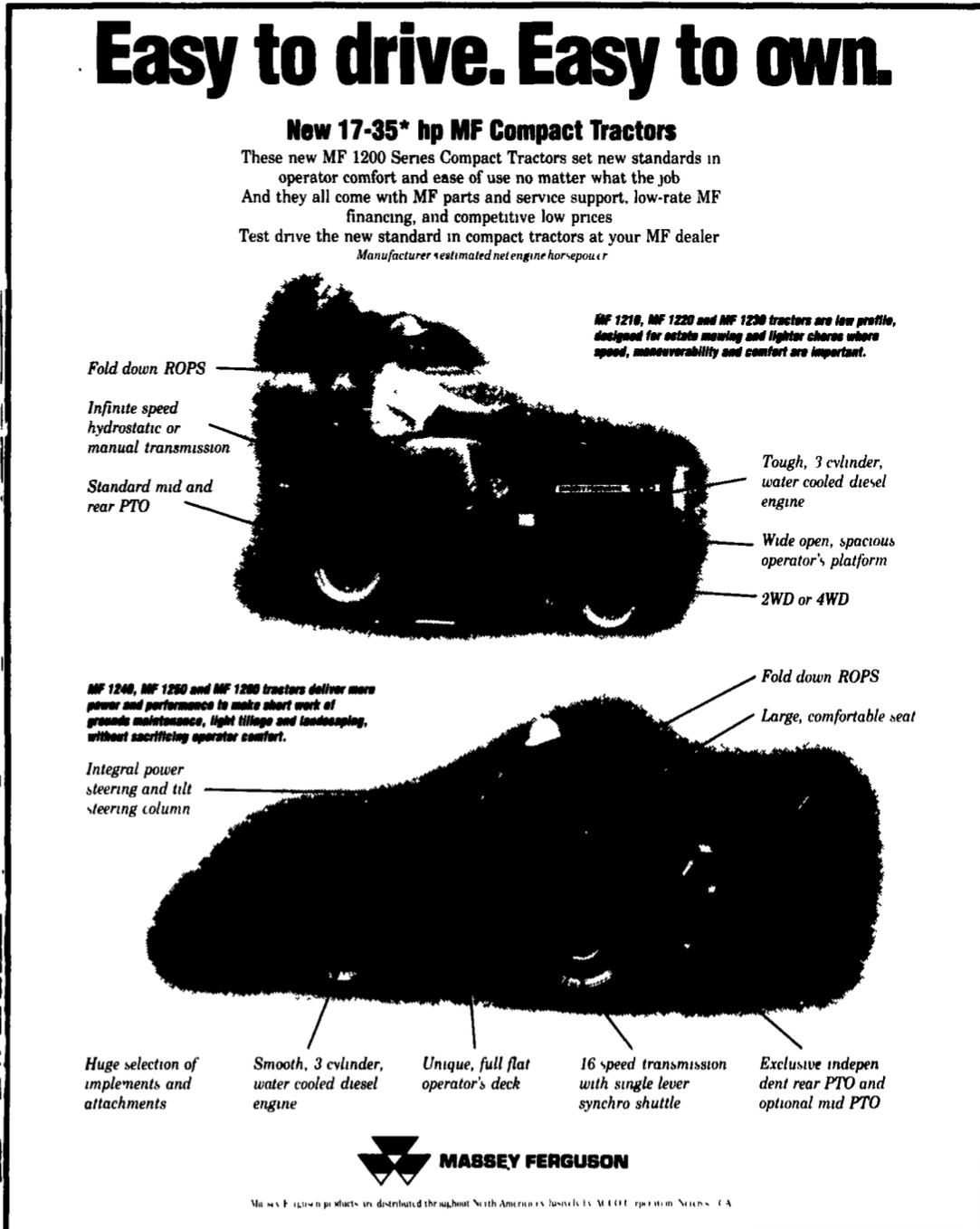
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