# Turkey Banh Mi with Quick-Pickled Cranberries

Banh mi is a Vietnamese sandwich that melds French bread with the fresh, herbal flavors of Vietnam. This combination of savory turkey with tangy, fresh quick-pickled cranberries and carrot and a smear of creamy mayo makes for an exciting way to use up leftover turkey.

### **Ingredients:**

- ½ cup sugar
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup cranberries, chopped
- 1 cup carrot, shredded
- 1-2 baguettes (cut into four 6-inch lengths)
- 4 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 tsp onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped

- 1 Tbsp fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
- 2 cups turkey, shredded
- 2 Tbsp fish sauce (or more if needed)
- 1 tsp five spice blend
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 12 slices cucumber
- 1 jalapeño pepper, sliced
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- fresh sriracha (optional)

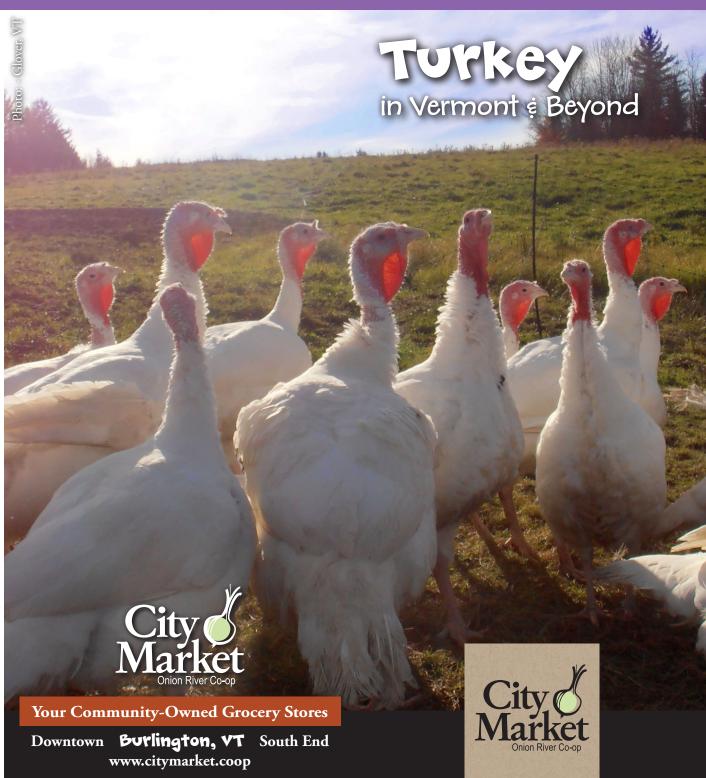
#### Instructions:

In a medium bowl, combine the sugar, rice vinegar and salt, then stir to combine. Add the cranberries and carrots and toss to coat. Let stand at room temperature while you make the rest of the sandwich.

Preheat the broiler. Slice the baguette pieces almost all the way through lengthwise and open each like a book. Spread a tablespoon of mayo on the cut sides of each piece. Place on a sheet pan and reserve.

In a large sauté pan over medium heat, drizzle the oil and add the onion. Stir for 5 minutes, until softened. Add the garlic and ginger and stir for a minute, then add the turkey and sprinkle with fish sauce, five-spice powder and sugar. Stir until the turkey is heated through. Remove from heat and keep warm.

Place the prepared baguette slices under the broiler and broil until the mayonnaise is bubbly. Fill each baguette with the turkey mixture, then top it with cucumber slices, cranberry mixture, jalapeño and cilantro. If desired, drizzle with Sriracha sauce. Serve immediately.



# About Our Turkey

We offer a variety of turkey options including organic, conventional, and local varieties. Check out this brochure to learn more about the feed, living conditions, and farm practices of these farms as well as how to navigate some common product claims.

## Living Conditions

**Conventional** - Most conventional poultry farmers raise their birds indoors in big barns or warehouses. Living conditions in these barns range from healthy and humane to crowded and unsanitary, depending on the farmer's management practices. **Stonewood Farm**, one of our local turkey producers, raises turkeys in barns due to concerns about health associated with providing outdoor access, but each bird is given roughly 3 square feet of space.

Free Range - Farmers sometimes raise turkeys indoors but allow them access to the outdoors. Outdoor access is only required for organic producers if they are not already raising their turkeys outdoors.

**Pastured** - Many Vermont farmers raise their turkeys outdoors—sheltering the birds at night in coops or mobile turkey tractors while giving them ample space to run around on grassy pasture during the day. Farmers integrate their birds into strategies to

improve the soil health of their farm: as the poultry moves from one pasture to the next, their manure fertilizes future crop land. Fresh pastured turkey is usually available only on a seasonal basis as the farmers raise the birds in the summer and fall when the weather is good enough for the birds to be outside. By winter, frozen pastured turkey is a great option.

## Feed

The majority of turkeys eat grain, even if they have been raised on grassy pasture. Unlike pastured cows, which can be entirely grass fed, pastured poultry still eat grain to provide 80-90% of their calories.

**Organic v. Conventional** - Looking to avoid GMOs? You may want to opt for a certified organic turkey (unless the package specifies that it is GMO free). For turkey to be certified organic, the turkey must be fed certified organic grain that is free of GMOs and grown without synthetic pesticides or fertilizer. Much

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| Farm Location                           | Certified<br>Organic | Flock Size* | Pastured | Free<br>Range | Antibiotic-<br>Free Feed | GMO-<br>Free Feed |
|---|----------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Stonewood Farm Orwell, VT               | No                   | 30,000      | No       | No            | Yes                      | No                |
| Misty Knoll New Haven, VT               | No                   | 30,000      | No       | No            | Yes                      | No                |
| Maple Wind Farm Huntington/Richmond, VT | No                   | 1,000       | Yes      | Yes           | Yes                      | Yes               |
| Adams Turkey Farm Westford, VT          | No                   | 2,500       | No       | No            | Yes                      | No                |

<sup>\*</sup>Flock Size = number of birds raised annually.

of the conventional grain that is fed to turkeys is comprised of common GMO products like corn and soybeans, so be sure to review packaging for more information.

# Antibiotics & Hormones

Antibiotics - On many conventional farms, turkeys live in crowded barns alongside thousands of other birds which can lead to a variety of health issues. In order to combat these concerns and keep the birds healthy, turkeys on industrial farms are often fed antibiotics on a frequent basis. These antibiotics are the same ones that humans rely on, leading to concerns about overuse and antibiotic resistance. Looking to avoid antibiotics in your food? Antibiotics are not allowed in certified organic production. None of our local turkey farms use antibiotics on a regular basis and all of their feed is free of antibiotics.

**Hormones** - Federal regulations prohibit the use of artificial hormones in poultry production.



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