



Honey-Glazed Roasted Turkey with Lemon-Sage Gravy

Prep: 20 minutes • Bake: 4 hours 25 minutes • Serves: 12

- 1 package (¾ ounce) fresh sage, leaves chopped (about 5 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon PICS salt
- 1 tablespoon PICS ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon PICS garlic powder
- 3 small lemons
- 1 fresh or frozen (thawed) turkey (12 to 14 pounds)
- 1 celery rib, coarsely chopped
- 1 onion, quartered
- 1 cup PICS honey
- 3 cans (14.5 ounces each) PICS less-sodium chicken broth
- ⅓ cup PICS flour

1. Adjust oven rack to lowest position. Preheat oven to 325°. Place roasting rack in 17 x 14-inch deep roasting pan. In small bowl, combine 2 tablespoons sage, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Cut 1 lemon into quarters.

2. Remove giblets, liver and neck from turkey cavities; freeze or save for later use. Prepare turkey as package directs; place turkey, breast side up, on rack in pan. Sprinkle inside cavity and outside of turkey with sage mixture. Place celery, onion and lemon quarters inside cavity. If not already secured, tie legs together with kitchen string; tuck wing tips under turkey to hold in place. Tent turkey loosely with aluminum foil; roast 1½ hours.

3. Meanwhile, from remaining 2 lemons, grate 1 tablespoon peel and squeeze 3 tablespoons juice. In microwave-safe medium bowl, heat honey, lemon peel and 1 tablespoon juice in microwave oven on high 30 seconds or until easy to blend; stir in 2 tablespoons sage. With brush, baste turkey with some honey mixture.

4. Pour 1 can (1¾ cups) broth into bottom of roasting pan. Tent turkey with foil; roast 2½ to 3 hours longer, basting every 20 to 30 minutes with warmed honey mixture. (Pop up temperature indicator may not work properly and stick with honey basting; make sure to have an instant-read thermometer available.)

5. Remove foil during last 30 minutes of roasting to brown top, if necessary. Cook turkey until juices run clear and internal temperature reaches 165° in thickest part of thigh, making sure thermometer doesn't touch bone. Transfer turkey to platter or carving board; loosely cover with foil and reserve excess juices for gravy. (Internal temperature will rise about 10° upon standing.)

6. Meanwhile, remove rack from roasting pan; with spoon, skim excess fat from drippings. Place roasting pan with drippings across 2 burners. With whisk, stir flour into drippings until well combined; add remaining 2 cans broth. Heat 4 to 5 minutes over medium heat, stirring frequently to scrape brown bits from bottom of pan. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 10 to 12 minutes longer or until gravy thickens, stirring occasionally. For smoother gravy, strain through fine-mesh strainer, if desired. Stir in remaining 1 tablespoon sage and 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Carve turkey and serve with gravy.

Approximate nutritional values per serving:

616 Calories, 20g Fat (6g Saturated), 284mg Cholesterol, 884mg Sodium, 29g Carbohydrates, 1g Fiber, 77g Protein

Chef Tips

Plan ahead: When thawing a turkey in the refrigerator, it will take about 24 hours for every 4- to 5-pounds of turkey. Place the turkey in a container to prevent the juices from dripping on other foods.

What size turkey do you need? A general rule to follow is to plan on 1 pound of turkey per person, or 1½ pounds per person to ensure there are leftovers.