PERFECT ROAST TURKEY

Basic Lifestyle

INGREDIENTS

1 (12 pound) fresh turkey

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 large bunch fresh thyme

1 lemon, halved

1 Spanish onion, quartered

1 head garlic, halved crosswise4 TBS extra virgin olive oil

Garlic powder

Onion powder

Paprika

INSTRUCTIONS

-Preheat the oven to 350°.

- —Take the giblets out of the turkey and wash the turkey inside and out. Remove any excess fat and leftover pin feathers, and pat the outside dry.
- —Place the turkey in a large roasting pan. Liberally salt and pepper the inside of the turkey cavity. Stuff the cavity with the thyme, lemon, onion, quartered, and the garlic.
- —Brush the outside of the turkey with the olive oil and sprinkle with salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, and a little paprika. Tie the legs together with string, and tuck the wing tips under the body of the turkey.
- —Roast the turkey for 2-1/2 hours, basting from time to time with pan juices, until the juices run clear when you cut between the leg and the thigh.
- —Remove the turkey to a cutting board, and cover with foil; let it rest for 20 minutes. Slice the turkey and serve hot.

SERVING INFO: (Serves 8-10)

Serving size = 4 oz. = 1 P