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Turkey day, ready or not here it comes. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of them all. I dearly love turkey, ham, and yams; the staples of turkey day – let us not forget the salads, cakes, and pies. Then o-my-gosh there is all the leftovers. With all these thoughts are you salivating yet?

Thanksgiving has always been special to me cause the Giannandrea family always bird hunted the week before. I remember going with my dad, uncles, and even grandpa on some easier hunts. Then came my son and nephews, and the role models keep changing. Now I'm the grandpa and I hear about the exploits of my grandkids and grand nephews. Boy-O-boy the years go by faster than they came.

We finally got our sheep hay in and the early answer is the girls really are going for it. Now I don't know if it's because there is no pasture left or the hay is just that sweet. I do know that it smells real sweet; it's almost intoxicating when I sit on it and eat my lunch. Right now we are sitting on a good supply of alfalfa and grass hay, meaning the prices will remain steady at least through January, hopefully till spring hay.

My faith in our president (Trump) is growing every day. Grain prices are still rock solid in consideration of our trade deals, embargos, and other government trials and tribulations. I think we are still going forward. For my own sanity I gave up reading his posts and tweets. Figured most of it is political posturing and doesn't have a lot to do with what really goes on. I do wish California would wake up and slack off on some of its environmental benefits to us and relax some of the cost of doing business in this state. Transportation and trucking are my largest headache.



As I look around at our farming community I notice most all fall crops have been harvested, fields limed, prepped, and seeded with cover crops. I have not heard one complaint about discs balling up or tractors stuck. With most of the fall farming behind us let the rain begin, we are getting enough moisture to sprout seed but we really need rain to sustain it.

Fruits and veggies, we have a few melons left and our kiwis have arrived. After Thanksgiving we will have mandarin oranges and pomelos so keep your eyes on the signs. We are still looking at the middle of January for our oranges to arrive. As many of you have noticed my two tomato plants are still going, even getting a few new blooms in late October. Who says Gardeners Mushroom Compost isn't good dirt! And it's organic, plus I didn't fertilize this year not even chicken manure pellets. It's got to be the chlorinated water.

QUOTES & JOKES:

"The difference between a politician and a pickpocket is the pickpocket doesn't get indignant when you tell him to keep his hands to himself." Joe Sobran

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." John Wooden

"There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." Zig Ziglar

Ole forgot Lena's birthday but, fortunately, as he tried to explain he somehow stumbled into a compliment:

"Lena, how can yew expect me ta remember yur birthday when yew never look a day older ta me!"

