A Very Texas Thanksgiving, and Where to Get It in Dallas

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Somewhere in Texas this Thursday, a turkey will go into an oven the way the Pilgrims intended. A lot more of them will go into a smoker at 5 a.m., and the person tending it will have a cold beer in hand before the parade starts.

A **Texas Thanksgiving** starts with the same bones as everyone else's. Turkey, dressing, pie, too many relatives in one kitchen. Then it wanders off in its own direction. Here is what tends to show up on a Dallas table, and where to find it if you would rather not make all of it yourself.

The dressing has cornbread in it, and usually a jalapeño or two. Crumbled cornbread, celery, onion, sage and broth get baked until the top crisps and the middle stays soft, and the jalapeño adds a little warmth that keeps you going back for seconds. Every family has a version, and every family believes theirs is correct. If yours lost the recipe, Eatzi's holiday menu has a pan of **cornbread stuffing** that serves four to six, plus a pan of **jalapeño cornbread** on the side for anyone who wants the heat. Order ahead, since Eatzi's can't fill same-day holiday orders.