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Clarification on Turkey Breeds/Strains, Growth Rates and Step-Ratings

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Section 1.2 sets standards on the growth rate (average daily gain) for turkeys that is acceptable for each Step level. The table below overlays the various breeds being used in production currently with the growth rate standard for all weights listed in published standardized breed data. The actual growth rate of birds may vary with different management from farm to farm and with stage of growth or age. G.A.P.’s use of published standardized breed data means all farms using a particular breed will be at the same Step level as far as these standards are concerned and provides a standardized way to assess strains for this version of the standard regardless of weight at harvest.

G.A.P. has selected 18 weeks for the point of comparison across all breeds. This appendix presents the most up-to-date interpretation of the standard.

If an operation wishes to use a breed/strain, or combination not listed below, please contact G.A.P. at standards@globalanimalpartnership.org for submission requirements.

Breed/Strain	Av Daily Gain (lbs)		Maximum Step Achievable for this Standard
	Toms	Hens	
Artisan Gold	0.148	0.091	5
BUT6	0.327	0.222	2
BUT Premium	0.304	0.209	2
Hybrid Converter	0.337	0.220	2
Hybrid Grade Maker	0.308	0.203	2
Hybrid Optima	0.322	0.211	2
Hybrid XL	0.343	0.219	2
MiniClassic	0.206	0.126	5
Nicholas Select	0.347	0.232	2
Nicholas Sonoma Classic	0.179	0.129	5
Nicholas Vineyard Choice	0.253	0.184	4
Orlopp Bronze	0.276	0.183	4
VOTM – Black	0.203	0.140	5
VOTM – Bronze	0.280	0.212	4
VOTM – White	0.313	0.233	2