

## Turkey Diet in Rolling Plains

A study was conducted by Texas Tech to determine Spring, Summer and Fall Diet of Turkey on two ranches in Haskell and Throckmorton Counties. Summary below gives average of spring, summer and fall diets in descending order of importance and season of peak use.

<b>Food Item</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Season of Highest Use</b>	
Insects	30%	Spring	47%
Pricklypear fruit	14%	Summer	23%
Pecans	11%	Fall	32%
Slim tridens seedheads	10%	Fall	19%
Bristlegrass seed	7%	Spring	14%
Bumelia berries	5%	Summer	7%
Wild onion leaves	4%	Fall	12%
Texas cupgrass seed	4%	Spring	11%
Skunkbush sumac fruit	3%	Spring	6%
Tasajillo fruit	3%	Summer	9%
Other (less than 2% each	9%		
Grain sorghum			
Silverleaf nightshade			
Mesquite			
Grama grasses			
Littleleaf sumac			
Bottlebrush squirreltail			
Sand dropseed			
Texas wintergrass			
Wild mercury			
Indian mallow			
Bloodberry rouge			
Giant ragweed			
Black walnut			
Mexican buckeye			