

## **The Thanksgiving Secrets Your Government Doesn't Want You To Know**

The first Thanksgiving was more than a story that ended well. In fact, the first Thanksgiving has more to teach us today than at any time in our history. Why? Because we're a people that can no longer take care of ourselves. We're a people so dependent on the corporate entities that feed and clothe us that we're like babes in the woods when it comes to self-sufficiency.

Can you grow a garden? Can you slaughter a chicken or hog? Do you know how to smoke meat or preserve food so that, even without refrigeration, you'd have food stores to feed your family? If the grocery stores were suddenly empty, would you know enough to make flour out of cattails or potatoes, or would you be able to provide meat for the family dinner table?

The sad fact is that most of us could not. Not even those of us in rural areas. Talk to any ten men gathered in a barbershop or sitting on a bench in front of the local tire store, ask them how to castrate a calf and see what answers you come up with. Ask any group of women if they know how to can meat or darn a sock and watch the blank stares you get.

This lack of knowledge is why those poor souls living in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy have no where else to go but a government-run FEMA camp, complete with barbed wire, and barely sufficient provisions being doled out. They're shell-shocked and overwhelmed at what life has thrown at them.

I imagine that "overwhelmed" is how the Pilgrims felt too, when they encountered an environment unlike any they had known. They had made some mistakes, yet Providence provided them the means to survive. An Indian named Squanto (not unlike the Israelite Joseph) had once been captured by the English, sold into slavery, and taken across the pond. He eventually made his way back to the North American continent and by the time the Pilgrims were in dire straits, he was in a position to help them out.

Squanto is still in a position to help us modern day pilgrims out as well. Through the free eBook offered by Off The Grid News, [Squanto's Garden](#), you'll learn about the history surrounding the Pilgrim's arrival in the New World and their interactions with the Native Americans. You'll discover the planting techniques of the Native Americans and how these techniques insured the survival of the English colony.

The methods that Squanto and the Native Americans employed to raise crops was a rudimentary system based on personal responsibility over one's own plot. The collective garden the colony tried to raise the first year, a model they brought with them from England, could not be sustained in the Plymouth colony. When the Pilgrims took Squanto's advice and broke the land up into individual family plots, using the Native American "Three Sisters" companion planting model, their crops thrived and their harvest was bountiful.

For us today, this wonderful eBook, [Squanto's Garden](#), can show us how to assess the soil in our area, can show us how to develop a plan for companion crops and different planting models based on the region of the United States in which we live, and can help us learn how to naturally augment the soil with nutrition so that our vegetables are packed with the vitamins and minerals

we need.

That first Thanksgiving showed the Pilgrims that mutual cooperation was necessary to eradicate hunger, that available fertilization methods were necessary to overcome soil degradation that threatened the harvest of the crops planted, and that continuous improvement in the cultivation methods of the land was necessary to bring about the most nutritious harvest.

By looking to the lessons of Squanto and the Pilgrims, we too can begin our journey to self-sufficiency through the combined efforts and assistance of each other, by propagating seed that has been nutritionally fortified but not genetically manipulated, and by returning to the common-sense methods of farming that not only the Native Americans taught, but that the Bible teaches as well.

This Thanksgiving, as we sit down with family and friends, let us look back to that first Thanksgiving and that first joint effort of two vastly different peoples, which resulted in the survival of a colony and the birth of a nation. Let us remember the ties that bind us, not only to this earth but to each other as well.

We invite you to download this free eBook and, taking the lessons of [Squanto's Garden](#) and adapting them for our time and age, utilize the natural resources and combined knowledge that we have, building a future of self-sufficiency and independence that no government can take away from us.

We at Off the Grid News wish you a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving, full of the blessings of God.

Sincerely,

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