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Thanksgiving Disasters, Have You Ever Lost a Turkey?

Most Americans prefer white meat turkey. Strangely enough, the Accidental Locavore's family is primarily a dark meat chicken or turkey group. One year at Thanksgiving we had about a dozen people for dinner, and when we were done, the back of the turkey looked like it had been dipped in acid, not a morsel left, but the breast was almost totally intact. The following year I thought I was being smart by ordering a turkey and four extra legs so there would be plenty of dark meat for all. Went to the store, and picked up two enormous (and expensive) bags with the turkey in them.



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Recipe: Pork Chops With Mustard and Cornichons

There's a lot of great local pork these days. Here's a delicious recipe for pork chops with Dijon mustard and French cornichons. Pair it with some mashed potatoes and a vegetable, and you've got an easy, impressive dinner. People who know the Accidental Locavore know, I'm a sucker for anything French and this comes from Burgundy, where the grape pickers would eat it after a long day picking all those grapes, so enjoy your favorite Burgundy or Pinot Noir with it.

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This month in the **EcoPlum newsletter** I talk about preserving and pickling, and getting over my fear of both... What about cooking scares you? There's very little that frightens me, or ever has. I'll make anything for anyone at any time. If it works, great, if not, there's always delivery. However, when you get into preserving food, there are a lot of scary bits, right?



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