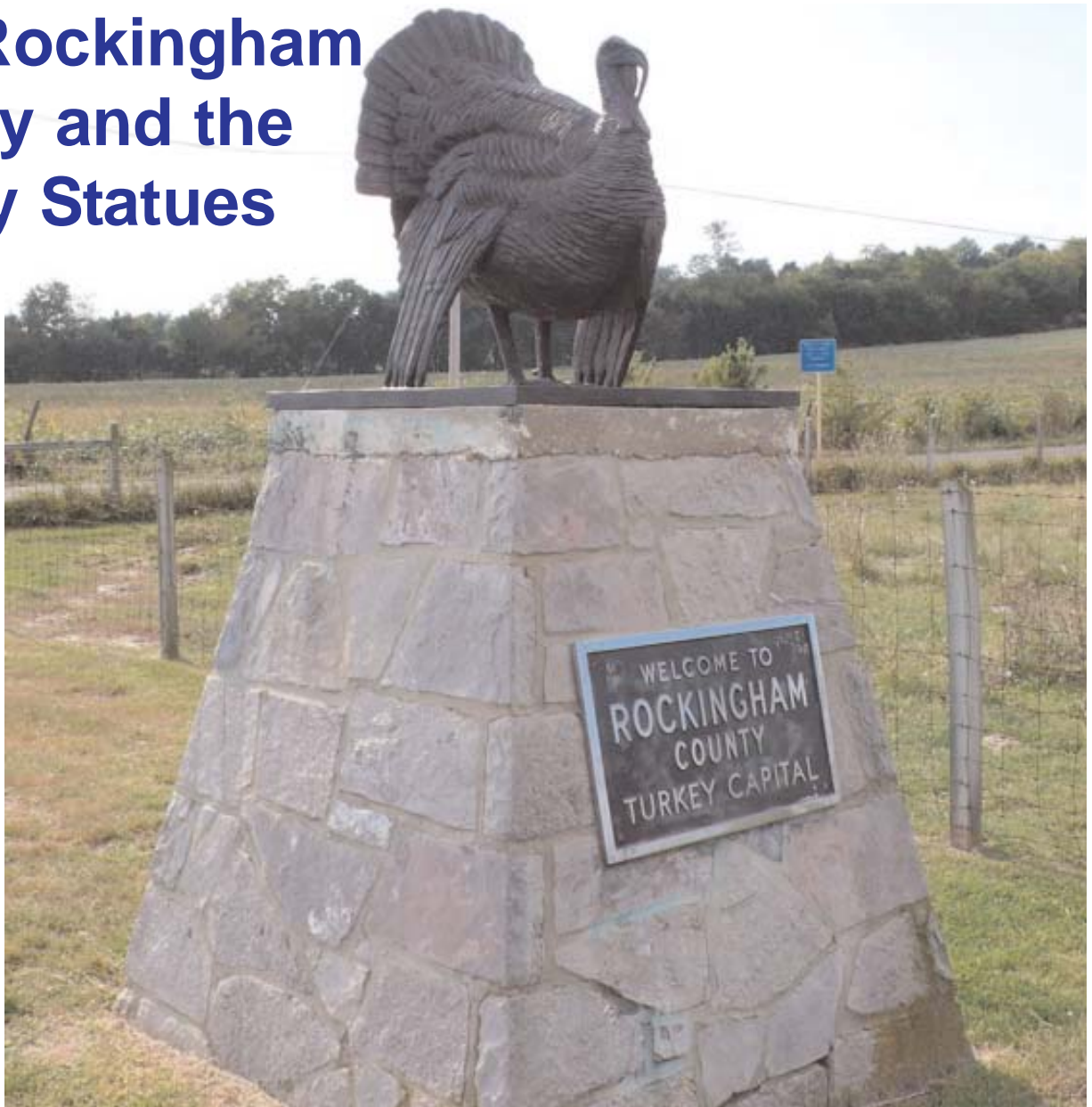


Visit Rockingham County and the Turkey Statues



Rockingham County boasts more than 170 turkey farms and has a proud tradition that dates back to the Roarin' 20s.

"The modern turkey industry has its roots in Rockingham County," said Hobe Bauhan, president of Virginia poultry federation. "Back in the 1920s, a man named Charles Wampler, Sr., experimented with incubating turkey eggs and raising turkeys in confinement. He was successful and that was really the genesis of the modern turkey industry."

The industry grew in Rockingham, so much so that in the 1950s, the county adopted the moniker, "Turkey Capital of the World."

Enter the locality on Route 11 from the north or south and you'll see beautiful bronze statues of turkeys that were erected in the 1950s.