4th of July Facts

30  Number of places nationwide with "Liberty" in their name. The most populous one is Liberty, Missouri (26,232). Iowa has more of these places than any other state: four (Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty).

* Eleven places have "independence" in the name. The most populous is Independence, Missouri, with 113,288 residents.

* Five places adopted the name "freedom". Freedom, California with 6000 residents, has the largest population among these.

* There is one place named "patriot"...Patriot, Indiana with a population of 202.

* There are five places with the name "america". The most populous is American Fork, Utah, with 21941 residents.

66 Million  Number of Americans who said they have taken part in a barbecue during the previous year,

* There is a 1 in 6 chance that the beef on your backyard grill came from Texas.
* The chicken on your barbecue probably came from one of the top broiler-producing states; Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi.
* California accounts for nearly three-quarters of the lettuce used in salads and on hamburgers.
* Fresh tomatoes most likely came from Florida or California. Your ketchup probably came from the state that produced 95% of all processed tomato - California.
* Idaho and Washington produce 1/2 of the nation's spuds.
* California, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Arizona and Indiana produced 80% of all watermelons last year.

$128.8 Million  The value of fireworks imported from China.


Benjamin Franklin wanted the Turkey to be the national animal but was out voted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the Bald Eagle.
150 Million Number of hotdogs that will be consumed on the 4th of July—that's 1 dog for every 2 people in the USA.

The first 4th of July was held at the White House in 1801.

The 4th of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.

The national anthem is actually set to the tune of an old English drinking song called To Anacreon in Heavon.

John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until August 2nd or even later.

Can you name the three Presidents that died on July 4th? Thomas Jefferson, John Adams James Monroe.

At 26 years old Edward Rutledge was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The oldest, at 70, was Benjamin Franklin.

When the United States became a country there were 2.5 million people living in the country. The population today is around 304 million.

Calvin Coolidge is the only president born on the 4th of July. He was born in 1872.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published on July 4th, 1865.