We Can Ship
As Few As Two Ducklings!

We can ship you as few as two ducklings and/or goslings! If you order fewer than 10 ducklings, we insert a special 60 hour heat pack, use a special box and insert a foam liner on the box bottom for extra insulation. By doing this, losses are extremely rare during shipping. For small orders like this, we charge for the ducklings ($40 minimum), heat pack ($12) and postage ($7-$12). Call us if you have any questions.

GroGel

Do you want to almost guarantee your babies will arrive in excellent condition? Ask us to include GroGel in your shipment so they will have something to eat along the way. GroGel has the consistency of green, chopped Jello but is composed of the water, protein, probiotics and carbohydrates needed for a safe trip. It is also a great insurance in case there are any delays during shipping.

1-6 $ .85  7-24 $ .55  25+ $ .35

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Choose The Sex You Want

If you want specific sexes for your ducklings and goslings, we can do it for only $1.90 per bird! We can send any sexes you want for the ducklings. For the goslings there are some restrictions - see page 15 for more details. All sexed birds are marked with colored, masking tape on their legs for easy identification.

Comparing Ducks and Chickens

Advantages of Ducks
No crowing roosters
Will not fly over fences
Handle cold/wet weather better
More disease resistant
Eggs laid in early morning so less searching for eggs after letting them out in the morning
No freezing combs
Less aggressive
Eggs better for baking
Do not scratch and tear up a garden
Easier to herd

Advantages of Chickens
They keep a cleaner nest – therefore cleaner eggs
Less manure output
A chicken drinks water - there is no playing eating or mating in it
Water puddles do not become mud puddles

“I am taking the time to let you know that I am pleased with your service, great prices, and organization. I love how when the post office messes something up with my order, you take responsibility and make it right by replacing or refunding any birds that did not make it. You always seem to have everything organized and ready to go out when customers want it. I have referred other people to this wonderful business; you deserve lifelong customers such as us and many others!”

– Jay A. from Lakewood, CO

On the cover are pictures submitted in our 2014 Facebook Photo contest. Watch us on Facebook in October so you can enter your pictures this year! Photographers are, starting at the top right, going clockwise and then down through the center: A. Wojtecki, S. Green, T. Zeits, L. Wood, K. Bratcher, R. Bridges, L. Wood, J. Tocco, L. Wood, N. Chapin
DUCK MEAT PRODUCTION

Why Should Metzer Farms Be Your Supplier Of Meat Ducklings?

1. We offer you the best Pekin duckling available as we purchase breeding stock three times a year from Grimaud Freres, a French breeding company that sells to over 75 countries.
2. We hatch every week of the year. Many other hatcheries only hatch in the spring and summer.
3. We can handle your volume – whether you want 100 every four weeks or 3000 every week, we can help you.
4. We can ship to you by air freight or by mail. The advantage of air freight is your ducklings arrive the next day and often-times it is less expensive.
5. We offer three different strains of white duck. The vast majority of our customers use the Legarth Hybrid but sales of the Duclair are growing and there are always customers that want the largest duck available – the Jumbo Pekin.
6. We will provide you a Commercial Duck Management Guide at no charge with your first order of 120 or more ducklings.
7. If you receive ducklings at least every month, your price drops to the next level.

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“I just processed my ducks at 7 weeks and one day. They look awesome! The weights were way beyond my expectations. There were hardly a hand full of pins. I have tried different Pekins each year that I have raised pastured poultry and these are the first ones to grow off this well. Thanks – I'll be ordering more!”

– Leann H. from Greenwood, MS

Pasture Grown Ducks

Some of our growers raise their ducks on pasture as much of the year as possible. In this way, the birds are out in the fresh air, their manure is spread naturally on the pasture, there is a slight increase in meat content from the exercise, it is a more natural life for the ducks and it is a production method preferred by many consumers. In addition, most restaurants prefer a locally grown, fresh duck over a frozen duck that has come a long distance.

Duclair

In association with Stonechurch Farms in upstate New York, we have developed our own strain of Duclair duck – a French Heritage breed of duck originally grown in Normandy, France. The Duclairs are used by some of the most discerning chefs because of their rich, elegant flavor. In fact, a Michelin three star restaurant in New York City includes the Duclair in their menu. If you have an interest in growing the Duclair commercially, contact Stonechurch Farms at 845-658-3243 or us.

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**DUCKLINGS**

**Rouen** ducks were originally bred in France and retain the coloring of our native Mallard. They are second to only Pekins and Muscovy in size and are said to have very flavorful meat. They are moderate layers with many of their eggs being greenish in color.

The **Welsh Harlequin** is a handsome bird and an excellent multipurpose breed as they are good egg producers and they make a very nice appearing meat carcass as their under-feathers are white. They were developed in 1949 in England and came to the USA in 1968. We have found them to be the calmest duck breed we have.

The beautiful **Buff** duck, also called the Buff Orpington, originated in England. It is often considered a dual purpose breed, laying good quantities of eggs and giving a clean appearing carcass because of their light colored feathers. They are the inner two ducks shown in the picture above.

The **Blue Swedish** duck is similar in size to a Rouen and is also very hardy and calm. All the ducklings we send are the blue/gray color. As with all blue poultry, however, their progeny will hatch in blues, blacks and silvers.

“Thank you so much for the awesome birds. You have amazing customer service and I’m so thrilled with my two new additions to my flock. They are both healthy and quacking. Again thank you so much. I have just been raving about you guys. When it comes time for him to order, I will definitely send my cousin your way. And any other person who might need any.” – Amy R. from Big Bear Lake, CA

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Sexing - You can choose the sex and we will identify it with colored tape on their leg for $1.90/duckling. See page 15 for ordering and shipping information.
The black Cayuga breed is thought to have been developed from ducks in the region of Lake Cayuga in New York. It is a hardy and quiet breed. Initially this breed has a deep green, iridescent shine but as they age, they grow more white feathers (just as we humans gray with age!). Many of their eggs’ shells are greenish or blackish in color.

“We have always won with your geese and especially Jumbo Pekins. They just don't have much in WI for waterfowl. My order usually arrives with very low if any mortality considering it comes half way across the US. Thanks again”
– Kim P. from Melrose, WI

The Mallard is the breed from which all domestic ducks, except the Muscovy, originate. They can fly extremely well and can consistently hatch and raise a brood of ducklings. They are prized because of their delicate flavor. For orders of 600-999, duckling are $.245. For 1000 or more, they are $.219. If 4000+ are purchased in a season, they are $.199.

Go to our website for more detailed breed descriptions.

The Khaki Campbell duck was developed in England at the turn of the century for egg production. In small, undisturbed flocks they are very good layers. Khaki Campbells are excellent foragers and capable of hatching their own eggs.

The Pekin is by far the most common breed of duck in North America. The AFLAC duck and those cute, yellow ducklings you think of at Easter are Pekins. They were introduced into the United States from China in the 1870’s. It is the main breed used for commercial meat production because of its exceptionally fast growth rate and good feed conversion. They are extremely hardy and one of the calmest breeds. See page 3 for more detailed information on using our Pekins for meat production.

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<td>Mallard</td>
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DUCKLINGS

Golden 300 & White Layer Ducks

The **Golden 300** and **White Layer** are two strains of ducks we have bred for high egg production. Since we sell up to 10,000 eggs per week for eating, we need efficient, quality egg producers for both the fresh and balut (partially incubated duck egg) market. As you can see from the chart, these strains lay more and larger eggs than the Khaki Campbell. They are also calmer and more consistent from flock to flock in their production.

The Golden 300 ducks we send you can be sexed at any age by their color. The males are shades of black and the females are shades of brown. The picture is not representative of all birds as the males are sometimes all black or resemble Rouen males. Sometimes the females are dark brown or have white on them. They do not retain this sex-linked characteristic in future generations, however. Both sexes of the White Layer are white. Therefore, they must be vent sexed like other ducks and geese.

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<th>GOLDEN 300/WHITE LAYER</th>
<th>KHAKI CAMPBELL</th>
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<td>Egg Production – In 40 Weeks of Lay</td>
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<td>In 52 Weeks of Lay</td>
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<td>Egg Weight</td>
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<td>Fertility, Candling at 10 Days</td>
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<td>Mortality During Lay</td>
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<td>Pounds Feed/Duck/Day During Lay</td>
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<td>Temperament</td>
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<td>Age at 5% Production</td>
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<td>Number of Females for one Male</td>
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<td>Weight of Female at 23 Weeks</td>
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The **White Crested** duck is a beautiful, unique breed with its tuft of feathers on the top of their head. The ducklings we ship will all have good crests on them. All our breeders undergo the tests suggested by the Wissenschaftlicher Geflugelhof Institute in Germany to ensure complete genetic integrity.

The **Black Swedish** is very similar to the Blue Swedish in terms of their size and hardiness. Unlike the Blue Swedish, however, the Black Swedish will breed true generation after generation. All Swedish ducks were developed in the Pomerania region of Europe – which is now northwest Poland and northeast Germany.

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The following only applies to the Golden 300 and White Layer breeds:
1) If 60-119 females are purchased, there will be a $1.90 sexing charge per female but there is no charge for an equal number of males. 2) If 120 or more females are purchased, there will be no charge for an equal number of males or for any sexing.
The unique aspect of Runner ducks is their slender, upright stance. This enables them to move around much more quickly than most other breeds of ducks. They originally came from Southeast Asia where they are used for egg production and in rice fields to eat snails, insects and waste grain. They have a strong herding instinct.

Fawn & White Runners
Black Runners
Chocolate Runners
Blue Runner

Special Heritage Duck Offer

How would you like to have ducks identified by The Livestock Conservancy as Critical, Threatened or On Watch? These breeds are the Welsh Harlequin, Cayuga, Buff, and Swedish.

We are offering a package of these breeds as eggs or ducklings to help build awareness of the Livestock Conservancy. The purpose of this organization is to preserve and protect rare breeds of livestock and poultry. Since we feel the Livestock Conservancy is so valuable to our poultry community, we are giving you a $20 off coupon on a first year membership with your Heritage Duck order!!

Heritage Hatching Egg Package
12 eggs for $36.55

Heritage Duckling Package
6 ducklings for $39.55
15 ducklings for $85.45

To visit the Livestock Conservancy website go to www.livestockconservancy.org
Benefits of a membership include:
• Your participation in preserving rare breeds
• Subscription to their quarterly publication
• Printed directory of members and their breeds
• Technical support for your rare breed enterprise

See page 14 for a new book on Heritage Breeds.

“My first ducks were 2 Blue Swedes, 2 Cayugas, and 4 Golden 300s I purchased while I was in college at UC Santa Cruz and picked up at the farm. They were lovely birds and you were lovely people, and seeing your facility and pasture then has stayed with me as an image of what a great hatchery should be.”
– Elena N. from Lafayette, CO

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Minimum of two breeds for orders of 2-14 and three breeds for larger orders.
The **African** goose is descended from the wild Chinese Swan Goose of China. The only explanation for the name African is that it was customary in earlier times to give newly introduced breeds of poultry exotic names. The African goose is intermediate in size between the Super African and Brown Chinese.

The **Tufted Buff** geese originate from the American Buff geese. Their unique characteristic is a tuft of feathers on the top of their head much like the Tufted Roman goose. This is a very hardy and unique breed of goose.

“**These two geese you sent me are SO lively and healthy! I am excited to watch them grow. The post office called me at 5:30am, and I bounded out of bed so fast! When I peeked in the box, they immediately came towards me, chattering away. I cannot get over how lively they are!”**

— Christina D. from Cotati, CA

The **White and Brown Chinese** geese originate from China and are related to African geese. They are the smallest of the common domestic geese and are often referred to as “Swan Geese” because of their carriage, grace and ancestry. They are the most talkative of our goose breeds. Though all geese love grass, many people prefer using the Chinese for weeding purposes because of their small size and active nature.

The **Toulouse** was originally bred in France and is one of the most common and popular barnyard geese. They are beautiful, prolific and can be grown for meat, too.

The **Pilgrim** goose was developed in the early 1900’s in Iowa. It is one of the few American bred geese and is very calm. A unique characteristic of the Pilgrim goose is that its sex can be determined from its feather color. The males are white with touches of gray on them. The females look much like a Toulouse though their color is lighter and they often have white faces.

Go to our website for more detailed breed descriptions.
The Embden is the exclusive goose breed grown commercially for meat in North America due to its large size, white feathering and rapid growth. Most agree that they were originally developed in Germany with subsequent breeding in England.

This is a young male Buff Toulouse goose. They have the beautiful coloring and disposition of Buffs, but have the bigger size and dewlap of the Large Dewlap Toulouse.

This the first year we have offered the Classic Roman geese. These geese are much like the Roman Tufted geese – except they don't have the tuft of feathers on their head! They are a smaller goose, considered a Lightweight goose with the Chinese geese for show purposes. Compare their body shape and size to the much larger Embden. Their bills and legs range from pink to red-dish-orange. Being a smaller goose, they have excellent egg production and fertility is rarely a problem. They are typically a calm goose with an excellent temperament.

“A note from another happy and grateful customer who has received my baby ducks...healthy and happy...they give me happiness. Thank you.”
– Jeanne M. from Bondville, VT

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*Fancy Goose Package - Our choice of breeds from those breeds marked with an asterisk.
Minimum of 3 breeds for 8-15, four breeds for the 16+.
1 to 15 – $13.10 each 16 or more – $11.10 each

Available - Geese available from March or April through June or July.

Sexing - Sexing is $1.90 per gosling and we will identify it with colored tape on its leg.
See page 15 for sexing limitations plus ordering and shipping information.
A flock of Sebastopol geese is a fascinating sight as no other waterfowl have their curly, twisted feathers. They appear to have originated in Southeastern Europe and are very quiet and amiable. We have the largest breeding flock of Sebastopols in North America - over 350 geese. Order your Sebastopols early as our largest hatch- es are in late March and they drop off rapidly after that.

The Buff is one of only two breeds of geese developed in the United States. It is a very friendly and prolific goose that has a reputation for being very calm.

The Roman Tufted is a smaller white goose weighing between 10 and 12 pounds with a small tuft of feathers on its head. It is a very friendly, prolific and noble goose.

The Super African is an impressive, regal breed of goose. They are large with a well developed dewlap. In fact, they are probably the first breed of geese to have been selected for dewlaps.

“We picked up our new arrivals at the post office this morning. We wanted you to know they arrived safely, active and took right to water and food. This is my first duck purchase, but I doubt it will be my last. Thank you for your great service in providing us with these babies.” – Phyllis R. from Bullard, TX

“We imported the French Toulouse for meat purposes. They are not an exhibition Toulouse as some have extra white feathers on them, but they are especially hardy, grow quickly with a minimum of care, are very calm, very fertile and lay the most eggs of any goose breed we have. Not many people have a Toulouse goose directly from France!

“My Sebastopols arrived yesterday morning as scheduled...on my birthday!! Their warm pack was still a little warm for them.....they were happy to arrive at their new home. Thank you for their safe shipping! Now to name them!!” – Connie P. from Theodore, AL
**GAME BIRDS & DUCK HATCHING EGGS**

**Chinese Ringneck Pheasants** are beautiful birds for hunting or just to see around your property. They are very hardy and strong flyers if released at 10-14 weeks of age in the wild. Their meat is delicious and found in the finest restaurants. These are shipped on Wednesdays and cannot be mixed with any other waterfowl or game birds for shipping. Call us for quotes for quantities over 360.

**Guineas** originate from Africa and are excellent foragers. After starting, they grow and thrive on bugs (they love ticks), insects and weed seeds. Guineas are also great watchdogs as they call out at the approach of any strangers. Many consider guineas the farm version of Neighborhood Watch. Not only will they alert you of visiting humans but any type of dogs or predators. Their meat is all dark and highly prized by many restaurants. All our Guinea eggs are from breeding stock imported from Grimaud Freres of France and are certified disease free. They have been bred for excellent growth rate, 4.1 lbs. in 70 days, and feed conversion. These will be hatched every two weeks starting February 23. Contact us for pricing for quantities over 240.

**Blown Duck & Goose Eggs**

These are samples of the many ways our blown duck and goose eggs can be decorated. All our eggs have one hole in them and have been disinfected on the inside and cleaned to a beautiful white on the outside. Contact us for a pricelist or look in the Egg section on our website.

**Hatching duck eggs** is an excellent project for those wanting to experience the entire rearing process. Duck hatching eggs are available most of the year and are half the price of the ducklings. The minimum purchase is $29 plus packaging and postage. We guarantee fertility of at least 80% but cannot guarantee hatchability as that is entirely dependent on your incubator. Custom made foam packaging is used for shipping. Please visit our website for incubation instructions and pictures of the hatching process. We also have a live video camera running every weekend so you can watch our eggs hatch in real time. Just go to our website and click on the box on the left titled Live Hatching VideoCam.

**“Received 12 duck eggs plus one extra at beginning of July. Turned every eight hours and sprayed with water until day 25. Temperature kept at 99.5. Just hatched 11 nice ducklings and am very satisfied. Thanks.”**  
– Peter M. from Drums, PA

**PRICE PER BIRD**

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All the game birds are sold straight run and cannot be sexed. Guineas should be ordered in multiples of 20 and Pheasants in multiples of 30s. Before placing your order, you should check with the regulatory agency that oversees wildlife management in your state for any requirements they may have for pheasants.

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Prior to their arrival:

You need to prepare a place for them that provides the protection and warmth they need. Usually this is in a barn, out-building or garage. It is best to clean and disinfect the pen prior to using it. Initially baby ducklings need about 1/3 square foot per bird. Start with 2 inches of wood shavings or straw for bedding. For the first several days you can add our Poul't Vitamin pack or sugar (1/2 cup sugar: 1 qt. water) to the water. If you cannot get a waterfowl starter feed, use a game bird or chicken starter of at least 20% protein. Place the water in the pen and turn on the heat a day in advance so everything is warm for their arrival. One heat lamp can handle about 40 ducklings or 20 goslings. The lamp is normally hung about 18" from the bedding where it should be 90-95 degrees. There should be some type of solid wall or partition around them to prevent drafts. Make sure dogs, cats and rats are kept out.

They have arrived!

Normally the post office phones when your birds arrive and asks you to pick them up. When you get them home, it is very important you dip the beak of each bird in the water to ensure they get their first drink. Make sure they tip their head back to drink. If they have had a rough journey and seem weak, you may need to check them every 30-60 minutes to give them another drink. If you do have a few that are weaker than the others, it is best to separate them until they regain their strength. Make sure they can’t get in the water and get chilled.

The best way to judge the comfort of the birds is to watch them. If they are huddled under the lamp, they need more heat. If they are all bedded down away from the lamp or breathing with their mouths open (panting), it is too warm in the pen. They should be spread throughout the pen with some eating, some drinking, some sleeping and some playing.

As they grow....

Poultry (and especially waterfowl) grow very fast. Make sure you enlarge their pen as they grow and add clean bedding as necessary. Typically it is better to add clean bedding on top of the old than to clean it out every day.

Usually the temperature can be dropped about 5 degrees a week and turned off after 2-3 weeks. As they grow and add weight you can allow them to venture outdoors for brief periods during the day. Once they are fully feathered they can stay outside all the time (7-9 weeks) though they should still have some shelter from the sun and heavy rains.

Ducklings and goslings can be introduced to swimming water as early as one week of age but you must be careful. They must be able to walk in and out of the water very easily. The water should not be too cold and they must be able to find their heat lamp for rewarming without difficulty. Do not allow them to become soaked and chilled!

Waterfowl can also be very messy with their water. It is best to make a wire platform on which the waterer sits. For babies it can be 1/2" hardware cloth and for adults it can be 1" welded wire nailed on to wood cross pieces. This can be placed over a pan for the babies or over a pit for adults. The platform should be large enough to extend at least 6" out from the edge of the waterer for the babies and 30" for adults. With this platform, any spilled water goes through the wire and out of reach. They cannot track it back to the bedding or make a mud puddle with it.
PRODUCING & MARKETING DUCK EGGS

We feel there is a tremendous potential for fresh duck egg sales throughout the United States. Our sales of duck eggs are increasing both locally through Farmers Markets and our nationwide shipments. In addition, we are selling more and more ducklings of our egg laying strains (Golden 300, White Layer and Khaki Campbell) throughout North America. Therefore we intend to be the leader in duck egg sales in North America.

We are not going to be the leader by selling the eggs ourselves but by enabling you, our customers, to sell more duck eggs in an efficient and profitable manner. We sent a survey to our customers that sell duck eggs and asked them what they needed most to help them increase their sales. In the chart below, those needs with the longest bar were ranked the highest.

As we develop and meet each of these needs, we will be presenting our solutions in our blog. If you have an interest in producing and selling duck eggs (or just enjoy poultry in general), we encourage you to sign up for our blog. Just go to our website and click Metzer Farms Blog or go directly to http://blog.metzerfarms.com to read blogs. If they are of interest to you, sign up and they will be sent to you as an email on a regular basis. Join us to help lead the duck egg revolution.

Estimated Sales Increase for 2015

Where They Sell Their Duck Eggs

Number of Female Ducks in Flock

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MINIMUM SPACE REQUIREMENTS

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BOOKS

Raising Ducks $18.95
A recently revised, highly recommended book on selecting breeds, behavior, incubation, raising, sexing, butchering, health, etc. It has many fine pictures and drawings. 316 pages

The Book of Geese $17.95
An extremely comprehensive book exclusively on goose by a lifelong waterfowl enthusiast and successful exhibitor. It will answer 99% of your goose questions – the standard of goose books. 209 pages

DUCK! There’s a Goose in the House! $29.95
An absolute must have book for anyone wanting to keep a duck or goose as a house pet. It has wonderful stories and describes their intelligence and tenderness. 251 pages

The Ultimate Pet Duck Guidebook $34.99
All the things you need to know before and after bringing home your feathered friend. Excellent health section. Proceeds benefit the Majestic Waterfowl Rescue. 222 pages

The Ultimate Pet Goose Guidebook $34.99
Very similar to the book above, but exclusively on goose and their unique attributes and needs. Proceeds benefit the Majestic Waterfowl Rescue. 242 pages

The Domestic Duck $29.95
This book from England includes a great section on the origin and evolution of the many breeds followed by wonderful color pictures - an excellent all around book. 192 pages

Domestic Geese $29.95
This English book has very good information on management and breeding and also goes into detail on the origin and development of goose breeds - along with many beautiful color pictures. 192 pages

Domestic Duck Production $99.95
This book is written for commercial duck meat and egg producers. It covers housing systems, ventilation, flooring, nutrition, temperatures, lighting, weight control in breeders, fertility and more. 239 pages

Nutrition and Management of Ducks $18.95
An excellent book for the commercial duck grower. Some is on management but the majority is on the nutritional needs of breeding and growing ducks. 177 pages

Hatching and Brooding Your Own Chicks $24.95
This is the best book I have seen on incubation, hatching and brooding for the hobbyist. It also shows how to handle the special requirements of hatching and brooding waterfowl – especially their unique water ing needs. 239 pages

An Introduction to Heritage Breeds $19.95
This book describes the many heritage breeds of livestock and poultry and how to find, select, raise and profit from these rare and unique breeds. A fascinating resource. 240 pages

Chicken Health for Dummies $18.95
Though this book is about chickens, its concepts on recognizing signs of illness and injury in poultry and dealing with them are exemplary. The best book on poultry health in my opinion. 320 pages

Gardening With Guinea $16.75
An excellent down home, practical book on guineas. It covers everything you need to know about guineas for a home flock. 131 pages

Wing Disorders in Waterfowl $7.95
Causes, prevention and treating wing disorders in waterfowl, including angel wing. 35 pages

Poultry House Construction $22.95
A do-it-yourself guide to building poultry houses and related equipment, over 70 pages of detailed drawings. 92 pages

Duck Egg Production for Beginners $13.95
A hands-on approach to producing duck eggs and how to sell them in farmers markets, bakeries and restaurants. A great guide for a beginning duck egg seller. 109 pages

Modern Vermin Control $18.75
This book gives practical advice on fencing and trapping foxes, weasels, rats, owls, etc. to protect your poultry. Pictures show the predators, their tracks and trap sets. 56 pages

Youth’s Guide to World of Waterfowl $15.25
An excellent beginner’s work book, ideal for 4H members and their leaders. Strong sections on exhibiting and showmanship. 59 pages

BOOK POSTAGE

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**ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS & SHIPPING**

**How To Order**
Ordering is easy. You can...
Phone us at 1-800-424-7755
Email us at metzinfo@metzerfarms.com
Order on our website at
www.metzerfarms.com

**Minimum Order Size**
You must order at least two ducklings or goslings. **There is no minimum per breed of the ducklings and goslings in your order – you can mix them any way you want.** If you order fewer than 10 ducklings, there is a minimum fee explained on page two.

**If You Want To Order Specific Sexes**
All sexed birds are identified with colored masking tape on their leg. Look on the back of your invoice for the color key. The tape can be removed at any time. The cost is $1.90 per bird to sex and tape them.

- **Ducks** – For ducklings you can order any combination of sexes you want.
- **Geese** – For the White Chinese, Embden, Toulouse and African you can order up to two more females than males but no more. The remaining breeds (marked with an asterisk in the price section) can only be sold as pairs or straight run. Call if you have a question.

- **Guineas, Pheasants**
  Sexing is not available.

**Determining Postage Charges**
If you phone us, we will tell you your postage charges. If you order online, the postage will be computed automatically for you.

**Methods of Shipping & Timing**
All birds are sent Priority Mail unless you request Express Mail which does provide a tracking number. However, Express Mail adds about $20 for postage and rarely provides faster service. All birds are shipped on Monday except pheasants which are shipped on Wednesday. They normally arrive the first or second day after shipping. Unless you request the GroGel supplement, they are not shipped with food or water as they absorb their yolk immediately before hatching and this provides the necessary nutrition for the first 60 hours.

**Delivery Confirmation Number**
Every shipment will be given a Delivery Confirmation Number after mailing. This number will always give you the ship day/time and receiving day/time. Sometimes they are scanned between our mailing them and your receiving them. You will need to phone us after Monday to get your Delivery Confirmation Number. You can then go to www.usps.gov to attempt to locate your shipment.

**Payment**
If you place your order by phone, we will need a VISA or Mastercard number. Your card will be charged the week before your order is shipped. If you prefer to pay by check, place your order by phone and we will book it once we receive your check. Prices may change at any time.

**Our Satisfaction Guarantee**
If you are not satisfied with our service or products, write, phone or email us with your concerns and we will rectify it to your satisfaction.

**What about deaths?**
Rarely do we have problems with mortality. If you do have any deaths, it is important you count the live birds, as extras are often included. We never include extras in orders less than 10. For larger orders, we include extras if we have plenty of the breed you are ordering. If the extras do not cover the losses, however, you must call us within 24 hours so we can arrange a credit or replacement.

"Your goslings are great and are so fuzzy. They arrived healthy, happy, cute, and get along with my other poultry just fine. Two thumbs up for the breeders. The wonderful Metzer Farms staff takes good care of their birds! When I said that I would do business with you again, I knew I would." – Jay A. from Lakewood, CO
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Below are a few of the blogs we have produced over the past three years. We encourage you to read our past blogs and then sign up at no charge to receive future blogs as an email. Just go to our website and click Metzer Farms Blog or go direct to http://blog.metzerfarms.com to read these and other blogs.

- Clipping Duck and Goose Wings to Prevent Flight
  Simple instructions on how to successfully clip the wings of a bird so it cannot fly – and still have a normal appearance.

- What Temperatures Kill In an Incubator?
  This is one of our most popular blogs. We explain why short periods of high temperatures are much more harmful than low temperatures and what to do if you have had a problem.

- How Do I Keep It Dry Around My Duck and Goose Drinkers?
  This can be done and we show you several different ways you can do to keep your ducks from making a mess.

- How Do I Know Which of My Ducks Are Laying?
  This will give instructions on how to determine which of your birds are laying eggs.

- Can Medicated Feed Be Used for Waterfowl?
  Yes you can and why. The rule of never feeding medicated feed to ducks and geese is false.

- Time to Prepare Those Duck and Goose Nests for Waterfowl?
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- Different Sources of Poultry Flooring
  In this blog there are pictures and contact info for different types of plastic and wire flooring for waterfowl. With this flooring the water and manure go through the floor so the birds cannot reach it.

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