



Metzer Farms

A Family Hatchery.



Welcome

What started in 1972 by my grandfather Olin Metzger as a poultry solution for snail control has evolved into a premier family-owned hatchery dedicated to your success. In 1978 my father, John Metzger, returned to the farm after graduating from UC Davis to turn my grandfather's hobby into a business. The farm grew each year and new species were added. After my graduation from Cal Poly SLO, I too decided to come back to the farm. While we honor our roots, we have expanded our infrastructure to better serve our customers, now operating hatcheries in both Tennessee and California.

This dual-location advantage allows us to hatch and ship year-round with exceptional reliability. We prioritize superior quality by maintaining our own genetic flocks across five different states and supplementing with eggs from top breeders.

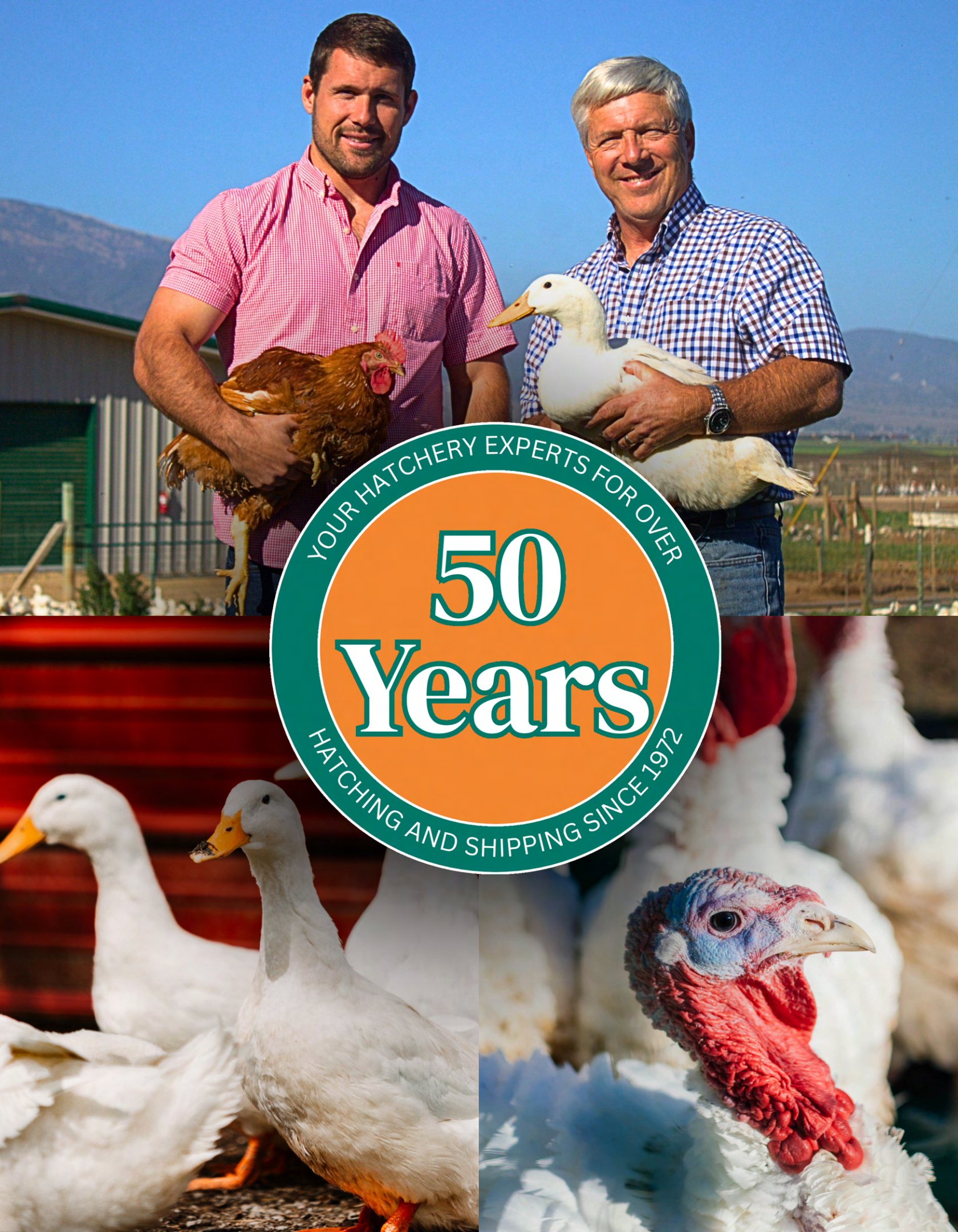
We are eager to take on any project, whether small or large. We are ready to be your partner, providing the exceptional birds and support necessary to help you grow.

Thank you and we hope we can be of service to you.



Sincerely,

Marc Metzger



YOUR HATCHERY EXPERTS FOR OVER

50
Years

HATCHING AND SHIPPING SINCE 1972

Meat Birds



PEKIN GRIMAUD HYBRID

The Pekin is the most common breed of domesticated duck in North America. We import breeding stock from Grimaud in France to offer the best Pekin ducks available. These are a fast-growing, feed-efficient meat bird with an extremely large breast and lower fat content. With white plumage for clean processing and mild, tender meat favored by consumers, they remain the industry standard for premium duck meat.



JUMBO PEKIN

Jumbo Pekin Ducks are bred for maximum meat yield, making them an ideal choice for commercial and small-scale meat production. Their broad bodies and heavy breast muscle produce a large, attractive carcass with excellent dressing quality.



DUCLAIR

The Duclair duck is a strain first developed in France and recreated at Metzer Farms for those chefs wanting a unique, smaller sized duck with a proportionally larger breast and less skin and fat. It is very similar, except for its color, to the famous Duclair duck of France.



CORNISH CROSS

Our Cornish Cross broiler chickens have the best genetics for exceptional feed conversion and growth rate. This chicken will produce the best uniformity for processing with lean, tender breast meat. They can be processed as a cornish game hen in as few as 4 weeks, a fryer at 7 weeks or a roaster at 10 weeks.



PIONEER

The Pioneer Chicken is a naturally developing bird perfect for free-range and pasture-based farming systems. Pioneers have a strong skeletal structure, excellent feed conversion, and superior meat quality, making them an outstanding choice for farmers looking for a bird that thrives in diverse farming environments.



WHITE MUSCOVY

Muscovy ducks are native to the swamps and rivers of Brazil. Our White Muscovy have been bred for excellent meat production. It is leaner than Pekin meat and the male Muscovy will produce a very large breast that is almost beefy in taste and texture. The Muscovy breast is often served rare.





EMBDEN

The Embden is the most popular goose breed grown commercially for meat in North America and Europe as it is a large, fast-growing goose. Much of our genetics is from the Hutterite Colonies of Montana and Canada which have been breeding Embden geese for over 100 years.



BROAD BREASTED WHITE

Broad Breasted White Turkeys are the industry standard and a top choice for commercial growers and farmers. These turkeys come from premium Aviagen genetics to ensure exceptional growth rates, high meat yield, and outstanding feed conversion. These turkeys reach market weight quickly. Toms average 43 pounds and hens average 32 pounds at maturity.



BROAD BREASTED BRONZE

Broad-Breasted Bronze Turkeys are fast-growing birds that produce generous amounts of meat, similar to Broad-Breasted White Turkeys. They typically reach processing weight between 16 and 22 weeks. These birds are a carefully developed hybrid, selectively bred over many generations for efficiency and high meat yield.



PEARL GUINEA

Guinea fowl produce a rich, dark, lean meat that tastes much like pheasant. Grown to 12 weeks, these birds will average 4.0 pounds live and dress out at 3.0 pounds. These guineas have also been developed by Grimaud Freres of France. As they do fly, pastured production is difficult unless you cover their pens.

Egg Birds



GOLDEN 300 HYBRID

The Golden 300 is a strain we developed by crossing different breeds of high egg laying ducks to produce an excellent egg producing duck. This is a sex-linked bird which can be sexed visually at any age. The males are shades of black and the females are shades of brown. They are typically calmer than the Khaki Campbell.



WHITE LAYER

Developed by Metzger Farms after the Golden 300 Hybrid, White Layers are prized for their superior egg production and pristine plumage, offering both beauty and performance. With a focus on genetics and health, our white layer ducks are bred to thrive in most environments, offering reliability and consistency in egg output.



BROWN EGG LAYER

Our Brown Egg Layer chickens are known for their prolific egg-laying capabilities, providing you at least 240 eggs in the first 40 weeks of production at an average egg weight of 63 grams. These chickens will start with egg production at just 19 weeks of age. This is a quick turnaround time from chick to egg producing hen.



KHAKI CAMPBELL

The Khaki Campbell is a heritage breed that was originally bred for egg production in England and Holland in the early 1900's. It has been used ever since by those wanting to use a pure-bred duck for egg production.

Meat and Eggs



Meat Production Table

	Cornish Cross	Pioneer	Pekin Grimaud Hybrid	Jumbo Pekin	Duclair
Age at Slaughter	Chicken	Chicken	Duck	Duck	Duck
Live Weight	49 days	67 days	49 days	49 days	84 days
Eviscerated Weight	7.4 lbs	6.25 lbs	8.0 lbs	8.3 lbs	5.3 lbs
Feed Conversion	5.6 lbs	4.8 lbs	5.6 lbs	5.8 lbs	3.6 lbs
Mortality	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.4	3.2
Breast Filet	3.5%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	3.2%
Skin and Fat in Carcass	24.5%	22%	21.2%	21.2%	24.0%
Availability			30.2%	30.2%	26.7%
	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round

These are results published by the breeder. Results vary according to management and their environment.



Egg Production Table

	Golden 300 Hybrid	White Layer	Khaki Campbell
Egg Production	Duck	Duck	Duck
40 Weeks of Lay	230	230	195
52 Weeks of Lay	290	290	240
Average Egg Weight	82 grams, 2.9 oz	82 grams, 2.9 oz	76 grams, 2.7 oz
Mortality During Lay	3.00%	3.00%	4.00%
Age at 5% Production	22 weeks	22 weeks	20 weeks
Egg Color	<2% Blue/Green 98% White	<1% Blue/Green 99% White	4% Blue/Green 96% White
Feed Consumption/ Day/Female	.4 lbs	.4 lbs	.36 lbs
Availability	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round

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White Muscovy		Embden	Pearl Guinea	Broad Breasted White		Broad Breasted Bronze	
Male	Female	Goose	Guinea	Tom	Hen	Tom	Hen
77 days	63 days	112 days	84 days	126 days	126 days	126 days	126 days
10.9 lbs	5.8 lbs	15.7 lbs	4.0 lbs	43.0 lbs	32.2 lbs	35.3 lbs	26.7 lbs
7.5 lbs	4.0 lbs	11.5 lbs	3.0 lbs	35.3 lbs	26.4 lbs	29.0 lbs	21.9 lbs
2.4	2.4	5.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.5
2.8%	2.8%	4%	7.0%	8.9%	5.0%	8.6%	5.2%
17.4%	17%		23.8%	31.0%	31.0%	29.0%	29.0%
February-December		March-July	Year-round	March-August		March-August	

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Brown Egg Layer
Chicken
253
320
63 grams, 2.4 oz
4.60%
21 weeks @ 50%
100% Brown
.24 lbs
February-December





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