



Metzer Farms 2024

A FAMILY HATCHERY SINCE 1972

Now Selling
CALL DUCKS!

YOUR WATERFOWL EXPERTS

DUCKS • GEESE • CHICKENS • GUINEAS • QUAIL

A LETTER FROM

John Metzger

PRESIDENT & OWNER
METZER FARMS

DEAR FRIENDS OF METZER FARMS,

We expect 2024 to be an exciting year for Metzger Farms and for our friends!

First our family! Sharon and I are extremely proud of our children and their families. This picture is when everyone visited Marc and Katy at our new Memphis hatchery last summer. And surprise, one of our grandchildren wants to grow up to be a duck farmer! Nothing beats that.

We now have Call ducks! We are extremely happy that we were able to purchase all the Call duck breeders from Emily Johnson of Johnson Waterfowl upon her retirement. Call ducks are perfect for the hobbyist that wants a few beautiful and charming ducks but has little space. Quantities will be limited this year so order early.

VitaMetz Packet! People have asked for years for a vitamin and mineral supplement designed for waterfowl. We are now offering our own formula which includes probiotics and electrolytes to make the perfect supplement for your birds.

Brown Egg Layer Chickens and Coturnix Quail!! Of course we think duck eggs are the best, but if you really want chicken or quail eggs, we can help you. The Brown Egg Layer will provide you at least 240 eggs in the first 40 weeks of production and our Coturnix quail start laying at seven weeks of age and will lay 300 eggs in the first year of production!

Thank you for your loyalty. Our goal is to provide you the best of birds and service in 2024.

SINCERELY,

John

A Family Hatchery

THE METZERS

Erin, Parker, Patrick, Marc, Katy, Lincoln, Everett, Taylor, Morgan, Mike, Janelle, Sharon, and John



Your Waterfowl Experts

- ✓ HATCHING WATERFOWL SINCE 1972
- ✓ HATCHERY LOCATIONS IN CA AND TN
- ✓ OFFERING SEXED DUCKLINGS & GOSLINGS
- ✓ LOWEST MINIMUMS AND LARGEST VARIETY
- ✓ FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED FOR 3 GENERATIONS
- ✓ #1 RECOGNIZED BRAND IN THE WATERFOWL COMMUNITY



2-DAY TRANSIT NATIONWIDE
FREE SHIPPING

Metzer Farms has two hatchery locations in Gonzales, CA and Memphis, TN. Our new hatchery strategically located in Tennessee is positioned near the USPS distribution center and Fedex world hub to allow us the opportunity to ship nationwide in less time, creating a better delivery experience for your birds. Most customers can expect their order to arrive in one or two days.

Duck Decision Tree



Ducklings

Waterfowl Temperament Rating:

Ducks are ranked on a 1-10 scale with 1 being the most calm and 10 being more nervous and skittish. Geese are ranked: Very Calm, Calm & Noisier. This rating is from our employees working with the birds every day.



BLACK SWEDISH

These are great all-purpose ducks with a good foraging ability and a calm disposition. They are a perfect addition to a backyard flock or small farm setting, providing a beautiful aesthetic and a good number of eggs.

Temperament: 2.3 • Adult Weight: 5.0-6.25 • Eggs: 130-180 / year • Origin: Germany
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No

BLUE SWEDISH

The Blue Swedish are very hardy ducks, known for being calm, friendly, and good at foraging. They are not only prized for their ornamental appearance, but also for their egg laying abilities. They lay 120-180 large eggs per year that will occasionally have a beautiful blue, gray, or greenish tint.

Temperament: 3.0 • Adult Weight: 5.0-6.25 • Eggs: 120-180 / year • Origin: Germany
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



BUFF DUCK

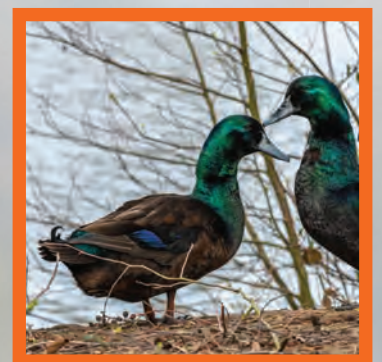
Also called Buff Orpingtons, these ducks are known for their soft, creamy-buff plumage and docile temperament. They are relatively quiet making them a popular option for backyard flocks.

Temperament: 3.0 • Adult Weight: 5.0-6.25 • Eggs: 130-180 / year • Origin: England
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No

CAYUGA

This is a glamorous black duck known for their eye-catching, iridescent green sheen. As they age, Cayuga will grow more white feathers, just as we humans gray with age! Their eggs often have a grayish tint and can sometimes be a pure black. Their unique coloration make them a prized addition to any flock.

Temperament: 8.8 • Adult Weight: 4.75-6.0 • Eggs: 130-180 / year • Origin: USA
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



MAGPIE

Magpies are a great addition to any yard with their black and white splash of color, their quiet nature, and their calm demeanor. We added them last year and they are already a customer favorite.

Temperament: 4.5 • Adult Weight: 4.5-6.0 • Eggs: 120-180 / year • Origin: England
Mothering: Good • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Threatened • Flying: No



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Ducklings

MALLARD

The Mallard is the breed from which all domestic ducks, except the Muscovy, originate. They are a small duck, native to most countries in the Northern Hemisphere. Mallards fly extremely well and have a wide habitat range, from urban ponds to wetlands. They are celebrated for their adaptability in diverse environments.

Temperament: 5.0 • Adult Weight: 2.25-2.5 • Eggs: 60-120 / year • Origin: N. America
Mothering: Very Good • Foraging: Very Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: Yes



ROUEN

This is a popular breed that very closely resembles wild Mallards in coloration, but are double the size and do not fly. They have a calm nature and are moderate layers producing greenish colored eggs.

Temperament: 4.5 • Adult Weight: 5.0-7.25 • Eggs: 140-180 / year • Origin: France
Mothering: Good • Foraging: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No

SILVER APLEYARD

These are a shining example of a dual-purpose breed. Silver Appleyard are considered the best egg layers and most active foragers among the heavyweight ducks. They weigh as much as 9 lbs when full grown and some claim they have the most flavorful meat of all ducks.

Temperament: 1.2 • Adult Weight: 7.0-9.0 • Eggs: 120-175 / year • Origin: England
Mothering: Very Good • Foraging: Very Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



WELSH HARLEQUIN

This is a fairly new breed which was developed in Wales and came to the US in 1968. They are an attractive and inquisitive breed of duck. We find them to be very calm and friendly, making them a good option for young children.

Temperament: 1.3 • Adult Weight: 4.5-5.5 • Eggs: 100-150 / year • Origin: Wales
Mothering: Good • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No

SAXONY

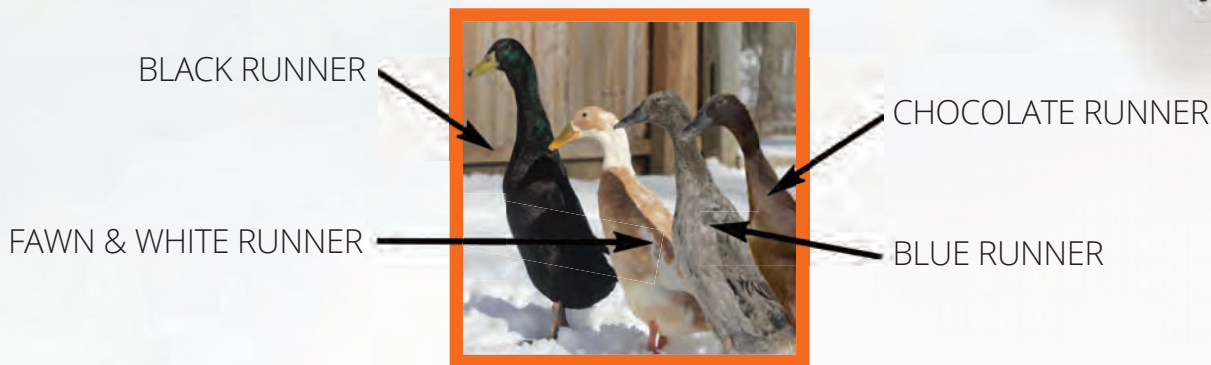
A rare variety developed by Albert Franz of Germany in the 1930's, Saxony ducks are an excellent dual purpose bird that is regal in appearance with a docile temperament. They easily adapt to various climates, making them an excellent choice for novice poultry keepers.

Temperament: 1.0 • Adult Weight: 6.5-8.5 • Eggs: 110-175 / year • Origin: Germany
Mothering: Average • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Threatened • Flying: No



Ducklings

DUCK
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RUNNERS

Runner ducks are unique because of their slender, upright stance which enables them to move around more quickly than other breeds. They originate from Southeast Asia where they are used for egg production and eating snails, insects and waste grain in rice fields. We also offer a fun option called "Assorted Runners" for customers who are interested in purchasing runners, but aren't particular as to which colors.

Black Runner Temperament: 3.5 • Blue Runner Temperament: 4.0 • Chocolate Runner Temperament: 4.3 • Fawn & White Runner Temperament: 7.5 • Adult Weight: 3.25-4.0 • Eggs: 100-180 / year • Origin: Indonesia • Mothering: Poor - Fair Foraging: Excellent • Conservation: Recovering • Flying: No



Jenni S. from Melbane, NC - Her duck, Biscuit

WHITE CRESTED

A classic breed distinguished by a tuft of feathers on the top of the head. This is a fun, beautiful, unique duck whose appearance will liven up any flock.

Temperament: 9.0 • Adult Weight: 6.0-7.25 • Eggs: 100-130 / year • Origin: Holland • Mothering: Poor - Fair • Foraging: Fair • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



Tiffany @The Barrier Flock

MIX OF DUCKLINGS

Mixed Ducklings are our lowest priced ducklings as they are composed of those breeds that hatched exceptionally well on hatch day. It could be any of our various duck breeds. Many times our more rare breeds are included. We attempt to include a variety of breeds but there is no guaranteed minimum number of breeds.



“Metzer is our go-to for ducks. Our Metzer born flock of 42 provides delicious, hearty eggs to stores in our local community, and our customers have a love for the eggs and the ducks that lay them.”

- Nicole S, Quackhead Hollow Farm, Truxton, NY

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@ducks_of_providence

Best Egg Laying Ducklings

GOLDEN 300 HYBRID

The Golden 300 Hybrid is a high egg laying breed that was proudly developed at Metzger Farms by crossing and utilizing the attributes of different duck breeds. This duck will lay more eggs, have a higher fertility rate, and be calmer than the Khaki Campbell. As adults, the females will range in appearance from light brown to dark brown, often with spots of white on them. The males can range in appearance from “almost Rouen” to “almost Cayuga”.

Temperament: 7.7 • Adult Weight: 4.5-5.75 • Eggs: 200-290 / year • Origin: Metzger Farms
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



WHITE LAYER

A great breed developed at Metzger Farms for customers looking for high egg production from a white feathered duck. White Layers can produce close to 300 eggs per year.

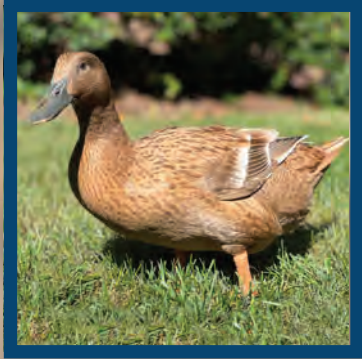
Temperament: 6.7 • Adult Weight: 4.5-5.75 • Eggs: 200-290 / year • Origin: Metzger Farms
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



KHAKI CAMPBELL

Recognized for their exceptional egg laying capabilities, Khaki Campbell ducks are a great choice for those seeking a reliable source of fresh eggs. They are a Heritage breed also known for being excellent foragers and good mothers.

Temperament: 9.0 • Adult Weight: 3.5-4.5 • Eggs: 165-240 / year • Origin: England
Mothering: Good • Foraging: Very Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



Erin M. from Duxbury, MA

EGG LAYER ASSORTMENT

This fun assortment contains female ducklings of any of our 3 best egg laying breeds - Golden 300 Hybrids, White Layers, and Khaki Campbells. This would be a great option for somebody who is interested in an egg layer, but not particular of which breed. The number of breeds will be based on availability.



	# EGGS 52 WEEKS OF LAY	EGG WEIGHT	MORTALITY DURING LAY	LBS FEED BIRD/DAY	AGE AT 5% PRODUCTION
GOLDEN 300 HYBRID	290	82 gms, 2.9 oz	3%	0.4	22 weeks
WHITE LAYER	290	82 gms, 2.9 oz	3%	0.4	22 weeks
KHAKI CAMPBELL	240	76 gms, 2.7 oz	4%	0.36	20 weeks
BROWN EGG LAYER	310	62 gms, 2.2 oz	5%	0.25	19 weeks
COTURNIX QUAIL	225	16 gms, 0.5 oz	15%	0.07	7 weeks

Egg Laying Stats

Best Meat Ducks



Breanna F. from Paintsville, KY

PEKIN GRIMAUD HYBRID

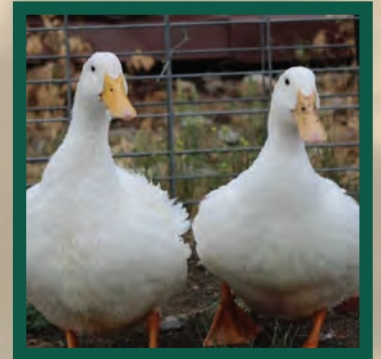
The Pekin is the most common breed of domesticated duck in North America. We import breeding stock from Grimaud in France to offer the best Pekin ducks available. These are a fast growing, feed efficient meat bird with an extremely large breast and lower fat content. *Place at least 5 orders in a year and pay at the next lower price break. Call for complete details.

Temperament: 5.5 • Adult Weight: 8.0-12.25 • Eggs: 150-200 / year • Origin: France
Mothering: Poor • Foraging: Fair • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No

JUMBO PEKIN

Jumbo Pekins are Metzger Farms' largest strain of Pekin. They will be the biggest ducks at meat show competitions compared to other breeds. Male Jumbo Pekins can get as big as 13.5 lbs. *Place at least 5 orders in a year and pay at the next lower price break. Call for complete details.

Temperament: 5.5 • Adult Weight: 9.0-13.5 • Eggs: 140-175 / year • Origin: China
Mothering: Poor • Foraging: Fair • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



DUCLAIR

White Duclair ducks are originally a French Heritage breed. Metzger Farms has developed their own strain of Duclairs. They are an excellent meat bird as they are not as large as a Pekin but have a higher percentage of breast meat. Duclairs do well on pasture too.

Temperament: 5.0 • Adult Weight: 5.0-6.0 • Eggs: 100-150 / year • Origin: Metzger Farms
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No

BLACK MUSCOVY & WHITE MUSCOVY

Muscovy are a striking breed recognized by the caruncle on their faces and a quieter quack than other ducks. Raised for meat and ornamental purposes, they're favored among duck enthusiasts for their lean meat and ability to hatch and raise several broods of ducklings a year.

Available as unsexed only.

Temperament: 1.0 • Adult Weight: 6.5-13.0 • Eggs: 100-150 / year • Origin: France
Mothering: Fair • Foraging: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: Yes



MUSCOVY VARIETY

If you are interested in a Muscovy but not specific on color, we offer the Muscovy variety pack for a discounted price. You may receive black, white, silver, or a variety. The assortment will be a fun surprise based on availability. **Available as unsexed only.**

“
I enjoy raising my Grimaud Hybrid Pekins here on my farm. They have great genetics that make very large breasts & awesome confit duck legs.”
- Earl K. from Glenrock, PA

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Other Birds



CORNISH CROSS

These broiler chickens have the best genetics available for exceptional feed conversion and growth rate. This chicken will produce the best uniformity for processing with lean, tender breast meat. Chicks come vaccinated for Mareks & Coccidiosis. Unsexed only.
*Place at least 5 orders in a year and pay at the next lower price break. Call for complete details.

BROWN EGG LAYER

Introducing our prolific Brown Egg Layer Chicken! These hens are known for their impressive ability to produce a bountiful supply of delicious, brown-shelled eggs, making them a must-have for any egg-loving household or farm. Enjoy a steady supply of fresh, nutritious eggs with these hardworking and reliable feathered friends.



FRENCH PEARL GUINEAS

Pearl guineas are popular for insect control (especially ticks!) on farms and are valued for their wary nature and early warning system for anything strange approaching. As they fly, they often perch in trees if allowed to stay out during the night. Their talkative banter as they patrol your property is very entertaining.

COTURNIX QUAIL

These quail are popular for their excellent production of delicious, nutritious eggs. They are known for their rapid growth and ability to start laying eggs at seven weeks of age, making them a common choice for backyard and commercial quail farming.



Meat Production Table

	PEKIN DUCK	DUCLAIR DUCK	MUSCOVY DUCK	EMBDEN GOOSE	CORNISH CROSS	PEARL GUINEA	COTURNIX QUAIL
	MALE / FEMALE						
AGE AT SLAUGHTER IN DAYS	49	84	84 / 70	112	49	75	49
LIVE WEIGHT IN LBS.	8.1	6.1	11.0 / 6.0	15.7	7.4	3.6	10 oz
EVISCERATED WEIGHT IN LBS.	5.6	4.3		11.5	5.6	2.7	6 oz
FEED CONVERSION	2.4	3.0	2.5 / 2.5	5.0	1.8	3.7	4
MORTALITY	2.5%	3.2%		4.0%		7.0%	15.0%
BREAST FILET	21.2%	25.5%	25.3% / 24.1%			23.8%	
SKIN & FAT IN CARCASS	30.2%	26.7%					
AVAILABILITY	YEAR ROUND	YEAR ROUND	YEAR ROUND	MARCH-JULY	YEAR ROUND	FEB-NOV	MAR-SEPT

Call Ducks

METZER FARMS NOW HAS THE LARGEST CALL DUCK BREEDING FLOCK IN THE UNITED STATES!

*Exciting
New Breed!*

FOR
2024



Alicia T. from Lutz, FL

CALL DUCKS

New for 2024, Metzger Farms is now offering Call Ducklings for sale. These adorable duck companions are perfect for anyone looking for the fun of duck ownership in a small, compact size. We were honored to purchase this flock from Emily at Johnson's waterfowl who is retiring this year and we are privileged to continue her legacy, offering high quality Call Ducks. Thank you Emily for your many years dedicated to this breed.

Temperament: 1.0 • Adult Weight: 1.0-2.0 lbs • Eggs: 25-50 / year • Origin: Netherlands • Mothering: Good • Foraging: Good
Conservation: No Rank • Flying: Yes

Available in Seven Colors!



BLACK

Black Call Ducks have glossy black plumage and typically features black legs and a black bill, creating a striking and uniformly black appearance. Some individuals may have minimal variations, but the primary coloration is solid black usually with a white bib.



BLUE

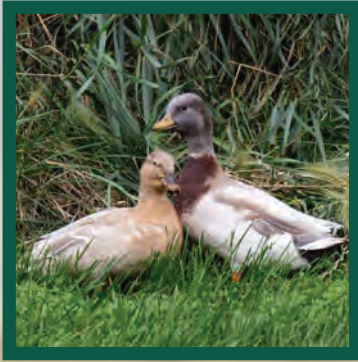
The Blue Call Duck typically has a soft, slate-blue plumage with a slightly lighter shade on its head and neck. This breed's feathers have a subtle bluish-gray hue, creating an overall elegant & attractive appearance.



GRAY

Gray Call Ducks generally have the same color scheme as Mallards. Males have a glossy green head and a white neck ring, while females are mostly brown in coloration.

Call Ducks



PASTEL

Pastel Call Ducks have soft, muted feathering consisting of a blend of light gray, soft brown & pale blue hues. This creates a subtle & delicate appearance.



PENCILED

The Penciled Call Duck has detailed, fine penciling patterns on their feathers, resembling delicate lacework. Their plumage is typically a light color with darker markings giving them an elegant & detailed appearance.



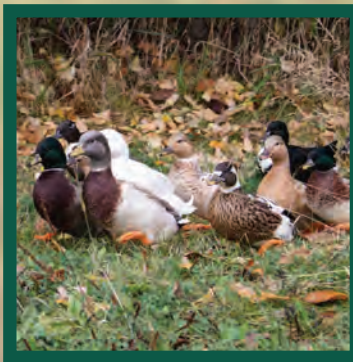
SNOWY

Male Snowy Call Ducks have a glossy green head, white neck stripe & brown/gray plumage. Females have a lighter brown head color and cream/tan body coloring.



WHITE

White Call Ducks are pure white in color, creating a pristine, clean appearance. They also have an orange bill as well as orange feet, giving them an elegant, striking presence.



CALL DUCK ASSORTMENT

In our Call Duck Assortment, you get an assortment of Call Duck colors. If you are open to receiving a mixture of colors, this might be a good cost saving option for you. With any Call Duck variety order of five or more, we guarantee at least two different colors.

WHAT MAKES CALL DUCKS SPECIAL?

THEIR SMALL COMPACT SIZE IS PERFECT FOR SMALL LIVING SPACES & MAKES THEM EASY TO CARRY

THEIR FRIENDLY DISPOSITION MAKES THEM GREAT SOCIAL COMPANIONS

THEY HAVE A UNIQUE, HIGH PITCHED QUACK

THEIR ADAPTABILITY MAKE THEM GOOD FOR BOTH URBAN & RURAL SETTINGS

THEY HAVE SMALL, BUT VERY TASTY EGGS

ORDER TODAY

Limited Availability

MORE
INFO ON
CALL DUCKS



Goslings



AFRICAN

The African goose is descended from the wild Chinese Swan Goose of China. The African goose is intermediate in size between the Super African and Brown Chinese.

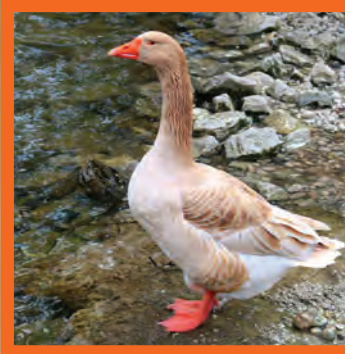
Temperament: Noisier • Adult Weight: 12.5-15.5 • Eggs: 35-45 / year • Origin: China
Mothering: Fair • Weeding: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



BROWN CHINESE

The Brown Chinese has the same coloration as the African goose but is much smaller and refined. Our Brown Chinese stock originally came from David Holderread.

Temperament: Noisier • Adult Weight: 9.0-10.5 • Eggs: 30-45 / year • Origin: China
Mothering: Poor • Weeding: Excellent • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



BUFF GOOSE

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.

Temperament: Very Calm • Adult Weight: 14.0-16.0 • Eggs: 25-35 / year • Origin: USA
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Good • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



BUFF TOULOUSE

Buff Toulouse geese are larger than Buff geese and their feathers have a gentle, creamy buff hue that gives them a warm and inviting appearance.

Temperament: Calm • Adult Weight: 15.0-17.0 • Eggs: 120-30 / year • Origin: USA
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



EMBDEN

The Embden is the exclusive goose breed grown commercially for meat in North America due to its large size, white feathering, good fertility, and rapid growth. Full grown Embdens are pure white.

Temperament: Calm • Adult Weight: 15.0-20.0 • Eggs: 35-45 / year • Origin: Germany
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No

Goslings

FRENCH TOULOUSE

French Toulouse are especially hardy and they grow quickly with minimum care. They are very calm and very fertile, laying up to 50 eggs per year. They are a utility goose grown commercially that we imported directly from France.

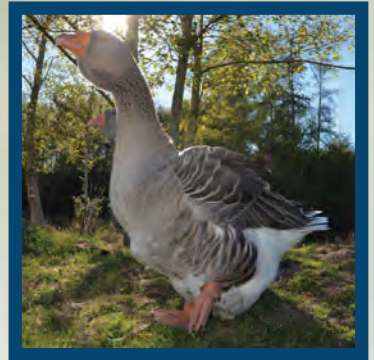
Temperament: Calm • Adult Weight: 15.0-18.0 • Eggs: 35-50 / year • Origin: France
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



LARGE DEWLAP TOULOUSE

The Large Dewlap Toulouse is a large, slow moving, calm and majestic goose that will fit in anyone's flock.

Temperament: Very Calm • Adult Weight: 18.0-25.0 • Eggs: 16-25 / year • Origin: England
Mothering: Fair • Weeding: Below Average • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No



PILGRIM

Pilgrim Geese are a breed known for their sex-linked feather coloration, making it easy to distinguish the whitish males from the grayish females. They are favored for their calm temperament and suitability for small-scale farming or as backyard pets.

Temperament: Very Calm • Adult Weight: 13.0-15.0 • Eggs: 20-25 / year • Origin: USA
Mothering: Good • Foraging: Good • Conservation: Threatened • Flying: No



ROMAN TUFTED

The Roman Tufted is a smaller white goose weighing between 10 and 12 pounds with a small tuft of feathers on its head.

Temperament: Calm • Adult Weight: 10.0-12.0 • Eggs: 20-30 / year • Origin: Italy
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Good • Conservation: Critical • Flying: No



SEBASTOPOL

Welcome the whimsical elegance of Sebastopol Geese to your backyard haven. These graceful and curly-feathered geese not only add a touch of charm to your landscape but also offer delightful companionship, making them a perfect choice for the discerning backyard flock owner.

Temperament: Calm • Adult Weight: 11.0-13.5 • Eggs: 13-18 / year • Origin: Central Europe
Mothering: Fair • Weeding: Good • Conservation: Threatened • Flying: No



Dawn B. from Sonora, CA

Goslings

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SUPER AFRICAN

The Super African is an impressive, regal breed of goose. They are large with a well developed dewlap.

Temperament: Noisier • Adult Weight: 16.0-20.0 • Eggs: 20-30 / year • Origin: China
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Below Average • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No

TOULOUSE

Add these gentle geese to your dream backyard flock. With their substantial size and docile temperament these charming geese are a picturesque and unique addition.

Temperament: Calm • Adult Weight: 14.0-16.0 • Eggs: 25-30 / year • Origin: France
Mothering: Good • Weeding: Good • Conservation: No Rank • Flying: No



WHITE CHINESE

The White Chinese Goose originated in China and the breed is often referred to as "Swan Geese" due to their carriage, grace and ancestry. They will lay the most eggs of any breed of geese.

Temperament: Noisier • Adult Weight: 10.0-15.0 • Eggs: 40-55 / year • Origin: China
Mothering: Poor • Weeding: Excellent • Conservation: Watch • Flying: No

FANCY GOSLINGS

Our choice of breeds from our more rare breeds. This package will have no White Chinese, Embden, Toulouse, or African goslings. You will receive a minimum of 2 breeds for an order of 2-7 goslings, 3 breeds for 8-15 goslings, and 4 breeds for an order of 16 or more goslings.



MIX OF GOSLINGS

Mixed Goslings can be from any breed we sell and, therefore, are our lowest priced goslings. We try to include several breeds, but make no guarantee of a minimum number of breeds. Be surprised!

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Lucky Ducks Across the Nation!

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



Above Metzger Farms Customers from left to right: Brandi H. from Bloomingdale, GA; Emelia V. from San Rafael, CA; Carrie M. from Crownsville MD; Chris B. from Lawrenceburg, KY; Earl K. from Glenrock PA; Ryker S. from Gordon, TX; Eli and Dawson C. from Timmons ville, SC; Stacy C. from Covington, GA; Corey B. from Honea Path, SC; Zoey F. from Queenstown, MD; Huntleigh S. from Gordon, TX. Below: John and Jules T. from Healdsburg, CA

Want to Show off Your Birds?

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Farm Fresh Eggs for Eating



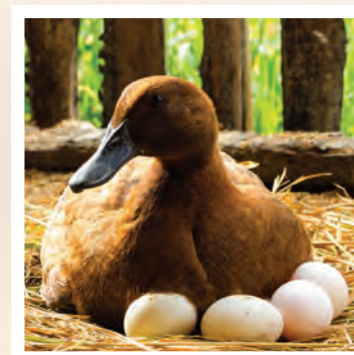
PURCHASE
FRESH DUCK
EGGS HERE

OLINDAY FRESH EGGS

We sell our cage free duck eggs under our brand, Olinday Farms. These are the same great duck eggs you are used to eating but with a new name. Olin Metzer bought the first flock of ducks in our family over 60 years ago and we wanted to celebrate him and the "all day egg" with Olinday Farms duck eggs. We have been selling fresh duck eggs for years as many people feel our duck eggs are unbeatable for baking and pastries. In addition, many of those allergic to chicken eggs can often use duck eggs instead.

Why Duck Eggs?

- Richer, fuller flavor
- Nutrient-packed
- More protein
- Larger egg
- Flavorful add-on
- Smoother, creamier custards
- Moister, richer cakes
- Firmer mayonnaise
- Thicker shell & longer storage
- A great alternative for those allergic to chicken eggs



Duck Eggs Have

- 20 grams more size
- 52 more calories
- 0.41 grams more carbohydrates
- 2.97 grams more protein

- 0.98 grams more saturated fat
- 92.4 mg more potassium
- 12% more iron
- 4% more Vitamin A & 20% more Calcium

“

Thank you for providing duck eggs. Our daughter has a severe allergy with chicken eggs. Thanks to your farm, she is able to lead a normal dietary life.

- Dennis K. from Loomis, CA

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Hatching Eggs



SCAN HERE TO LEARN
HOW TO HATCH DUCK
EGGS ON YOUR OWN!



HATCHING EGGS

For those of you wanting to experience the hatching process with your classroom or your own children, we offer duck hatching eggs which are available year round. These are the same hatching eggs we hatch our ducklings from weekly. There is a \$50 minimum order which averages about 10 eggs depending on breed. We guarantee fertility of at least 80% but we cannot guarantee hatchability as that is entirely dependent on the incubator. Custom made foam packaging is used to ensure the safe arrival of your eggs. It is fascinating and rewarding to watch a fertile duck egg turn into a cute, peeping little duckling in 28 short days!



Duckling Care & Management

CHECKLIST: WHAT YOU NEED PRIOR TO YOUR BIRDS ARRIVAL

- ✓ Pick a **BROODER LOCATION** for housing young birds that can be cleaned and disinfected, like your garage or other outdoor protected space. Initially they need 1/3 square foot per bird. There should be some sort of solid wall or partition around the pen to prevent drafts.
- ✓ Get these **SUPPLIES**
 - Heat lamp: One heat lamp can handle about 35 ducklings, 20 goslings, or 60 chicks / guineas. The lamp is normally hung about 18" from the bedding where the temperature should be 90-95 degrees. Pre-warm the brooder for the birds.
 - Feeder & Waterer
 - Bedding: Start with 2" of pine shavings or hay as bedding (not sawdust as they might eat it)
- ✓ Purchase **STARTER FEED**. Newly hatched ducklings and goslings need crumble starter feed for the first 3 weeks of their lives. Starter feed for chickens is fine so long as it has at least 60 ppm of niacin and at least 20% crude protein. Any less protein can result in developmental problems in your birds. After 3 weeks of age, birds can be moved to a grower feed where the protein is 17 to 20%. Adding **VitaMetz** to their water is a great option to help support this new transition.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED!

When you get your birds home, dip each bird's beak in water and tip their head back to ensure they drink. If they look sleepy with squinty eyes, this means they are dehydrated and they will only survive if you ensure they drink several times within the first 2 hours. **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, it is too warm in the pen. The ducks should be spread throughout the pen acting normally.

AS THEY GROW

Waterfowl grow very fast. Make sure you enlarge their pen as they grow and add clean bedding as necessary. It is better to add clean bedding on top of the old bedding than to clean it out every day. Usually the temperature can be dropped about 5° a week and the heat lamp turned off after 2-3 weeks. Though goslings grow faster, they will need a heat lamp longer than ducklings. As your birds grow and add weight, you can allow them to venture outdoors for brief periods during the day. In warm temperatures this might be at 10-14 days of age. In cooler weather, they might need to be 3 weeks old before going outside on a sunny day. Bring them in out of the rain if they are not completely feathered. At 8 weeks of age, they are fully feathered and they can stay outside full-time with access to a shelter for protection from sun and rain.

Ducklings and goslings can be introduced to swimming water as early as 3 weeks of age but they must be able to walk in and out of the water easily. The water should not be too cold and they must be able to dry and get warm under their heat lamp after swimming.

KEEPING YOUR PEN DRY

Waterfowl can also be very messy with their water. It is best to make a platform on which the waterer sits. For babies it can be ½" hardware cloth and for adults it can be 1" welded wire nailed on to a wood frame. 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.

HOW TO
KEEP YOUR
DUCK PEN
DRY



NIACIN

Compared to chickens, waterfowl need two to three times the amount of niacin (Vitamin B3) in their diet during their high growth period. The vast majority of poultry feed has adequate amounts of niacin, but occasionally some feeds are made with inadequate amounts of niacin which affect waterfowl especially during 2-7 weeks of age. If the legs of your ducklings become bent or "bull legged," are pigeon toed, splayed to the sides, or are unable to support the weight of the bird, there is a high likelihood they are not getting enough niacin. Do not wait until you see these signs – you should supplement either from the very beginning or when you see any sign of limping. Scan the QR code here to take the guess work out of your feeding.

NIACIN
INFO



VitaMetz

Introducing Metzger Farms specially formulated poultry pack for waterfowl which will be hitting the market in 2024. VitaMetz is a complete package of vitamins, electrolytes, probiotics, and trace minerals for all types of poultry resulting in more eggs, healthier birds, and an all over happier flock.



Freya L. from Medina OH; Michael M. from Pendleton, IN; Laura V. From San Rafael, CA



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- Alivia B. from Sonoma, CA

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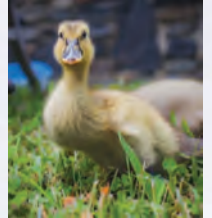
Ordering Instructions & Delivery

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AVAILABILITY



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SHIPPING & ARRIVAL DAYS

Hatching and shipping days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. In most of cases, your birds will arrive one or two days after we ship them. You can expect a call from your local post office when your birds arrive. **Please pick them up at the post office** and give them food and water immediately.

EMAILS & TRACKING

We will send you an email reminder the Thursday before your order is shipped. If you do not receive this email, please call us. You will receive another email containing USPS tracking information when your order is actually mailed. Please note that shipments are rarely scanned en route. Tracking information on the USPS website may say your shipment is still at its origination point, but really it is en route. It may also say 3 day delivery when normal transit time is 2 days.

LOSSES? NO PROBLEM

Rarely do we have problems with mortality. We do cover losses during transit and for the first 72 hours after the ducklings arrive. Please contact us within 3 days so we can arrange credit or replacement.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

If you are not satisfied with our services or products, please contact us with your concerns so we can find a solution for you.

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