



Metzer Farms

A family hatchery.

2026 SEASON



TRUSTED HATCHING SINCE 1972

A LETTER FROM **JOHN METZER** OWNER
METZER FARMS

Dear Friends of Metzer Farms,

When I was a kid I received an annual catalog from a nationwide company that sold a variety of small mammals, day-old chicks and other unique pets. I dreamed of having pigeons and a raccoon. Well a friend got the pigeons and I realized I did not have the setup for a raccoon. But I still dreamed of having unique pets.

Here we are 50 years later and now I am sending you a catalog of beautiful and unique pets! I hope you look through this catalog like I did that catalog. "Wouldn't it be neat to have that breed? Wow, I have never seen that kind of duck before! How soon can I get some?"

This is a team effort: your dreams and plans (and maybe getting permission!), our job of giving you the information you need to make an informed decision, answering your questions, and delivering the birds you want when you want them. As you move through this process, please never hesitate to reach out. We're always here to help.

Are you looking for a new breed? Consider our Golden Cascade on page 4 - a breed developed by the renowned waterfowl breeders, Dave and Millie Holderread. They asked us to continue propagating this breed so we purchased a flock of breeders from them last spring. They are a large, beautiful bird that I am sure you will enjoy.

After a challenging early spring last year, the Post Office has done an excellent job and now nearly 60% of our shipments arrive the next day. This is excellent and with some other changes they are making in terms of routing and coordination, we expect even better service for our day-old birds in 2026. Thank you to everyone at the US Postal Service!

All of the Metzers and our Metzer Farms team members wish you a fantastic year - and of course fun, excitement and dreams looking through our 2026 catalog!



SINCERELY,

John

Photo by Andrea Martin

Your Waterfowl Experts

We take quality seriously. Our birds have been specially selected, bred, incubated and hatched to provide you with the highest quality waterfowl. We have been in business for over 50 years by providing personal service to our customers. 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!

Year-round hatching from Tennessee and California.

Shipping From Your Nearest Location



I have absolutely loved buying my birds from Metzer Farms. Ducks, geese, turkeys - they're all growing up to be such beautiful birds. If I had any questions or issues, Metzer's customer service was prompt and professional, and very easy to work with. It's also really fun to look at their stories on socials!

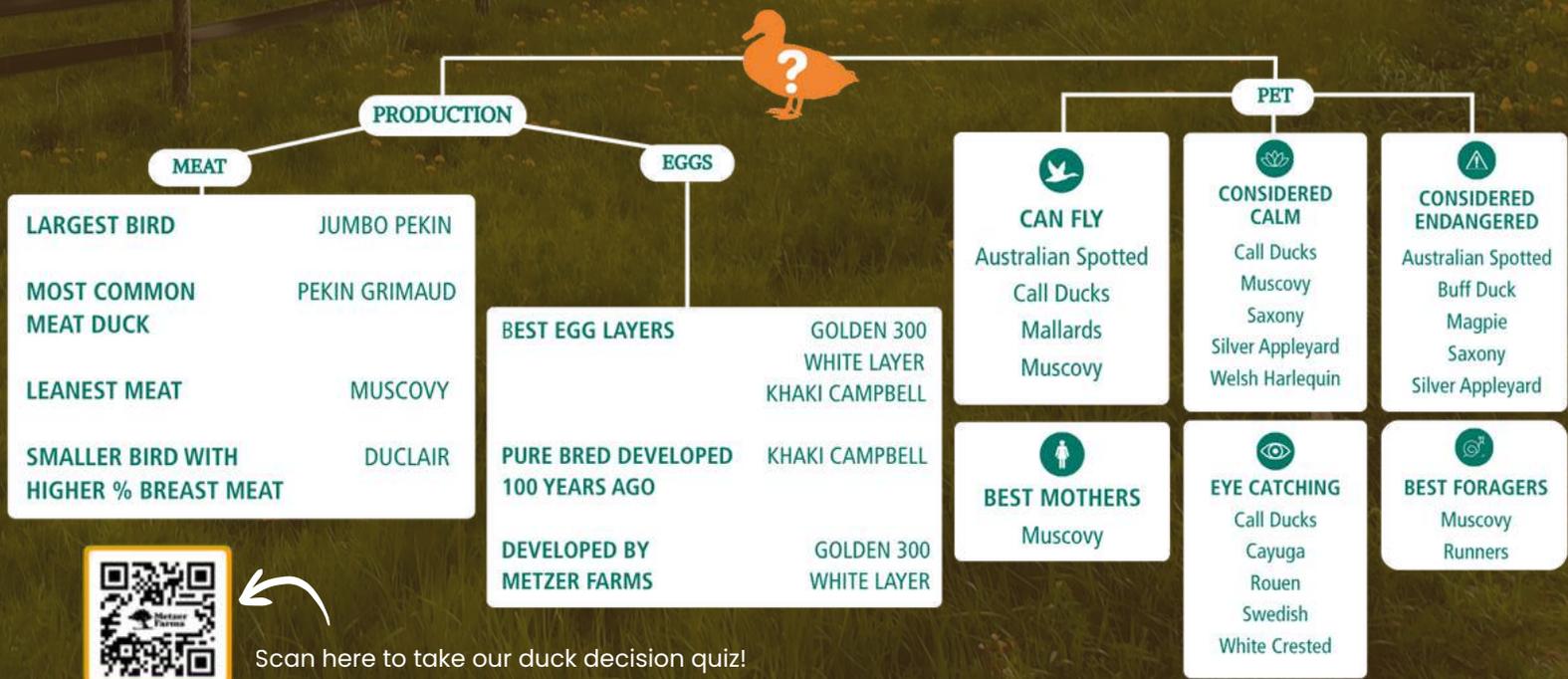
Jennifer S. from Mays Landing, NJ

- ▶ Hatching waterfowl since 1972
- ▶ Hatchery locations in CA & TN
- ▶ Offering sexed ducklings and goslings
- ▶ Lowest minimums and largest variety
- ▶ Family owned and operated for 3 generations
- ▶ #1 Recognized brand in the waterfowl community

Which Duck is best for me?

| BREED | TEMPERAMENT | WEIGHT | EGG PRODUCTION | FORAGING | CONSERVATION STATUS | ORIGIN |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|
| Australian Spotted | 1 | 2.00-2.50 lbs | 50-125/year | Good | Critical | USA |
| Buff | 3 | 5.00-6.25 lbs | 130-180/year | Good | Watch | England |
| Call Ducks | 1 | 1.00-2.00 lbs | 25-50/year | Good | No Rank | Netherlands |
| Cayuga | 8.8 | 4.75-6.00 lbs | 130-180/year | Good | Watch | USA |
| Duclair | 5 | 5.00-6.00 lbs | 100-150/year | Good | No Rank | France |
| Golden 300 | 7.7 | 4.50-5.75 lbs | 200-290/year | Good | No Rank | Metzer Farms |
| Golden Cascade | 1 | 8.00-10.00 lbs | 165-240/year | Good | No Rank | USA |
| Jumbo Pekin | 5.5 | 9.00-13.50 lbs | 140-175/year | Fair | Abundant | China |
| Khaki Campbell | 9 | 3.50-4.50 lbs | 165-240/year | Very Good | Watch | England |
| Magpie | 4.5 | 4.50-6.00 lbs | 120-180/year | Good | Threatened | England |
| Mallard | 5 | 2.25-2.50 lbs | 60-120/year | Very Good | Abundant | North America |
| Muscovy | 1 | 6.50-13.00 lbs | 100-150/year | Excellent | No Rank | South America |
| Pekin Grimaud Hybrid | 5.5 | 8.00-12.25 lbs | 150-200/year | Fair | No Rank | China |
| Rouen | 4.5 | 5.00-7.25 lbs | 140-180/year | Good | Watch | France |
| Runner Ducks | 3.5 | 3.25-4.00 lbs | 100-180/year | Excellent | Recovering | Indonesia |
| Saxony | 1 | 6.50-8.50 lbs | 110-175/year | Good | Threatened | Germany |
| Silver Appleyard | 1.2 | 7.00-9.00 lbs | 120-175/year | Very Good | Watch | England |
| Swedish | 2.3-3 | 5.00-6.25 lbs | 120-180/year | Good | Watch | Germany |
| Welsh Harlequin | 1.3 | 4.50-5.50 lbs | 100-150/year | Good | Watch | Wales |
| White Crested | 9 | 6.00-7.25 lbs | 100-130/year | Fair | No Rank | Holland |
| White Layer | 6.7 | 4.50-5.75 lbs | 200-290/year | Good | No Rank | Metzer Farms |

1.0 indicates a Very Calm breed and 9.0 indicates a More Nervous breed. Average scores by Metzer Farms employees who care for the ducks.



Scan here to take our duck decision quiz!

Duckling Packages

Assorted Call Ducks

We offer a full spectrum of Call Duck colors, making it easy to find the perfect match for your flock. Choose from Black, Blue, Gray, Pastel, Penciled, Snowy, or White—or let us decide with this hatchery-choice assortment, which is based on hatch-day availability and offered at a lower price.

Call Ducks are ideal for the hobbyist that wants beautiful and charming ducks but has little space. Please note, Call Ducks can fly very well. Historically Call Ducks have been bred with short, wide heads (brachycephalic) and short bills. Here at Metzter Farms, we are not going to stray from the APA guidelines, but we aim to breed a naturally shaped duck – just much smaller.



CUSTOMER FAVORITE

"We love Call Ducks, from their epic personalities, to their friendly nature these tiny guys are three times the duck in a fraction of the package. Each one we have raised has been different than the next!"



Egg Layer Assortment

This assortment contains hatchery choice female ducklings of our best egg laying breeds - Golden 300 Hybrids, White Layers, and/or Khaki Campbells.



Premium Duck Assortment

This is a new, premium duckling assortment we are offering this year! We wanted to offer discounted pricing for somebody who is interested in a premium duck, but not particular about which breed. This assortment could include any of the following breeds: Silver Appleyard, White Crested, Black Runner, Blue Runner, Chocolate Runner, Silver Runner, Muscovy, Magpie, Saxony, or Welsh Harlequin. The breeds in your package are hatchery choice and based on availability. Pricing is per duck.



Mixed Ducklings

Mixed ducklings are whatever we have available after all specific breeds are shipped. It is our choice of breeds. It is impossible to know exactly what will be in mixed ducklings. You can request which sex you would like!

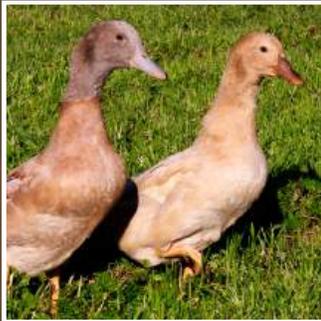


Muscovy Variety

Our Muscovy Variety contains an assortment of both Black, White, and mixed Muscovies. If you are open to receiving a mixture of both colors, then this might be a good cost saving option for you.



Ducklings



Buff
Developed by the Cook family in early 1900s as a multipurpose bird with good egg-laying ability, sizable meat qualities, and buff-colored feathers



Magpie
A British breed with possible Indian Runner ancestry, exported to the U.S. in 1963. Originally productive utility birds, now popular as calm, attractive pets for small flocks.



Cayuga
Originating from New York's Lake Cayuga, once prized for meat, hardy ducks lay gray to rare black eggs, ideal for both meat and egg production.



Welsh Harlequin
Developed in Wales in 1949 and brought to the U.S. in 1968, this APA-recognized breed is calm, inquisitive, and good at foraging.



Saxony
A rare variety developed in Germany in the 1930's, Saxony ducks are big, beautiful, and calm birds that bring charm to your flock.



Silver Appleyard
Developed by Reginald Appleyard of England in the 1930's. Silver Appleyards and the Saxony are considered the most active foragers among the heavy weight ducks.



Black Swedish
The Black Swedish duck is very similar to the Blue Swedish in terms of size and hardiness. Unlike the Blue Swedish, however, the Black Swedish will breed true generation after generation - all ducklings will have white chests and a black body.

Blue Swedish

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/grey color. As with all blue poultry, their progeny will hatch in blues, blacks, and silvers.

Learn more and order Golden Cascades here!



NEW BREED

GOLDEN CASCADE



Developed by world-renowned waterfowl breeders, Dave and Mille Holderread, as a hardy, multi-purpose duck, the Golden Cascade combines excellent egg production, efficient meat yield, and a calm, friendly temperament. With their warm golden plumage and easily distinguishable coloring, they're as practical as they are beautiful—a standout choice for anyone looking to add a productive and striking breed to their flock.

Ducklings

Did You Know?

Ducks can “see” in more colors than humans! They have four types of color receptors (we only have three).



Mallard

Native to much of the Northern Hemisphere and ancestor of most domestic ducks, are excellent flyers and reliably raise one or two broods of ducklings per year.



White Crested

A classic breed depicted in Dutch paintings since 1660, was registered in the U.S. in 1874, serves as a utility bird, and regained popularity in the 1980s.



Rouen

Developed in Normandy, France, North America’s second most popular duck, resembling wild Mallards but noticeably larger. Prized for their calm temperament and flavorful, lean meat.



Australian Spotted

A colorful bantam duck developed in the 1920s–40s, this friendly forager has a one-of-a-kind look that is sure to turn heads. We’re proud to partner with the Livestock Conservancy in helping boost its population.

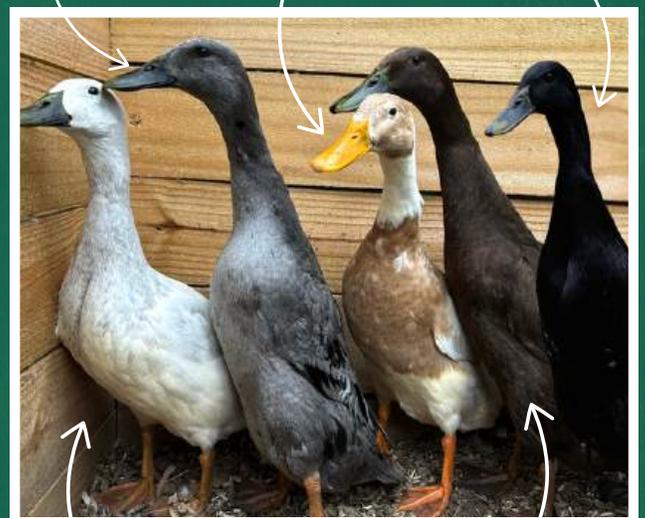
Runner Ducks

Discover the charm of our Runner Ducks at Metzger Farms! Known for their unique upright posture and energetic demeanor, Indian Runner Ducks are a delightful addition to any flock. Runners were originally bred in Southeast Asia for high egg production and excellent mobility. There is evidence of their ancient ancestry from stone carvings in Java that are over 2,000 years old. The runner duck breed is still being used in Southeast Asia as it was back then.

Runner Duck Assortment

If you just want an assortment of Runners, but don’t care which colors and want to save a bit of money, order the Assorted Runners. If you order at least six, we will make sure you get at least two colors!

BLUE FAWN & WHITE BLACK



SILVER

CHOCOLATE

Best Egg Layers



Golden 300 Hybrid

Developed by Metzer Farms in 1996 to produce large, fertile eggs consistently for commercial flocks, with females ranging from light to dark brown and males showing varied markings, though their offspring's colors are unpredictable.



White Layer

Developed by Metzer Farms after the Golden 300 Hybrid, White Layers are prized for their superior egg production and pristine plumage, offering both beauty and performance.



Khaki Campbell

A heritage breed introduced in 1901, they are renowned for their excellent egg production.

| | Golden 300 & White Layer | Khaki Campbell |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of Eggs at 40 Weeks of Lay | 230 | 195 |
| Number of Eggs at 52 Weeks of Lay | 290 | 240 |
| Egg Weight | 82gms, 2.9oz | 76gms, 2.7oz |
| Fertility, Candling at 10 Days | 93% | 90% |
| Mortality During Lay | 3% | 4% |
| Pounds Feed/Duck/Day During Lay | .40 | .36 |
| Temperament | more calm | excitable |
| Age at 5% Production | 22 Weeks | 20 Weeks |
| Females per 1 Male | 5.75 | 6.0 |



Fred with his White Layer friends!
-Andrew B. from Greenfield, MA

Best Ducklings for Meat

Are you planning to purchase your ducklings on a set schedule?

Prebook at least 5 orders by emailing us at metzinfo@metzerfarms.com. Each order needs to include a minimum of 50 birds. Specify your ship dates and quantity, we will price lock you into the next lowest price bracket. For Example, give us 5 ship dates for 80 ducklings and get the 125-299 duckling price bracket. Separate billing will occur the week prior to each ship date.



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.



Duclair

The Duclair duck is a strain first developed in France and recreated at Metzer Farms in association with Stone Church Farm in New York. This breed will do well as pasture or free range grown. Duclairs are used by some of the most discerning chefs because of their rich, elegant flavor.



Jumbo Pekin

At Metzer Farms, we proudly raise pure-line Jumbo Pekin ducks, our largest and most impressive strain, bred for exceptional size, tender meat quality, and prolific egg production. Known for their rich, flavorful eggs and fast growth, Jumbo Pekins are a top choice for both home cooks and commercial producers seeking premium performance and quality.

White Muscovy

White Muscovy are excellent ducks for the average backyard flock. They can fly quite well which enables them to better escape predators. In addition, they are excellent foragers, eating larger amounts of grass than other types of domestic ducks. They are also calmer and quieter than other ducks.



Black Muscovy

Black is the native color of wild Muscovy originally found in the swamps and rivers of Brazil. Over time the commercial birds being raised for meat have been bred to be white just like chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, pheasants, etc. so they dress cleaner.



Scan the QR code to see our meat production table!

Duck Resources & Tips

Ducks just have a way of making life better. There is something special about ducks – the way they chatter to each other, splash in their water, and follow you around like you are part of the flock. They are tough, helpful, and endlessly entertaining. If you have ever raised ducks, you know they are simply the best part of the barnyard.

New Duckling Care Tips

- Keep bedding clean and dry at all times.
- Dip each duckling's bill in water when first placed in the brooder
- Use lukewarm (not cold) water
- Provide constant clean water and a starter crumble feed
- Keep feed dry to prevent mold
- Add a niacin source (like VitaMetz Waterfowl Boost!)
- Use caution when letting them get wet at a young age. They do not have the waterproofing oils until around 5 weeks of age.
- Elevate the waterer to shoulder height so they can drink easily without climbing in or getting wet.
- Handle ducklings gently and often to keep them friendly
- Keep the brooder draft-free but well ventilated



Scan the QR code to see our blogs about duckling care and management!

DUCK MYTHS

MYTH: All ducks can fly.

FACT: Most domestic breeds are too heavy to get airborne. Only lighter ducks or wild breeds can really take flight.

MYTH: Ducks can live on bread.

FACT: Giving ducks bread might sound fun, but it can actually harm them permanently and cause serious health problems.

MYTH: Ducks need a pond to be happy.

FACT: A pond is nice but not required! A simple kiddie pool or large tub gives them all the splash time they need.

Myth: You can tell a duck's sex by its color.

Fact: That's only true for certain breeds. Many ducklings look identical until they're older!

Myth: Ducks don't need shelter since they're waterproof.

Fact: They still need protection from predators, wind, and extreme temperatures.

Why are ducks better than chickens?

Hardier in Cold and Wet Weather: Ducks have waterproof feathers and can handle rain and snow way better than chickens.

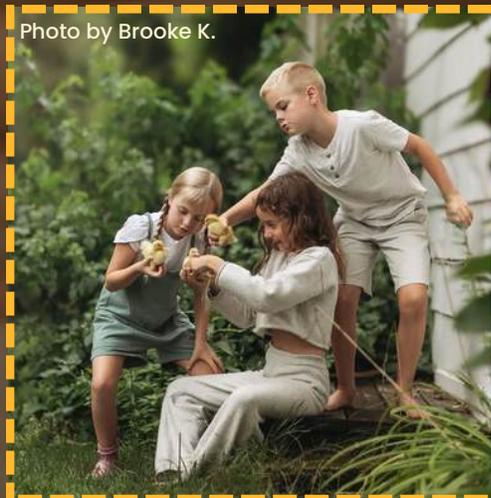
Better Foragers: Ducks eat slugs and bugs without disturbing the soil, making them gentle and efficient foragers.

Fun Personalities: Ducks are goofy, curious, and affectionate, often forming strong bonds with humans.

Egg Advantages: Duck eggs are larger, richer, more nutritious, and great for baking.

Unique Entertainment Factor: Watching ducks swim and waddle is endlessly fun.

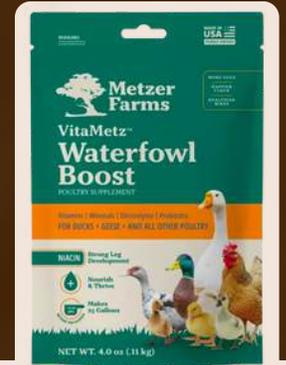
Photo by Brooke K.



Duck Resources & Tips

Your Flock's Favorite Health Boost!

VitaMetz Waterfowl Boost is a comprehensive blend of vitamins, electrolytes, trace minerals, and beneficial bacteria specially formulated for ducks and other waterfowl. It provides the ultimate nutritional boost to support birds of all ages during stress or reduced feed consumption and contains the ideal amount of niacin for healthy leg development. Each resealable 4 oz pack includes a 1 tsp scoop—mix one scoop per gallon of water to make 25 gallons total. Use for the first 5 days after hatch, then 3–4 days per month for continued support, especially after stress or antibiotic use.



Did you know that feeding chicken feed to ducks can lead to deficiencies? Chicken feed may lack sufficient Niacin, which ducks need to grow strong and healthy!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

WATER SOURCES

To keep things dry: Prevent them from splashing water by using nipple waterers or holes for their head in a bucket. Place slatted or perforated flooring under their water so spills drain away and they can't play in it.



Swimming Sources: No need for a pond! Kiddie pools, buckets, sprinklers, and just about anything that holds water will do! Clean out water daily or use a drainage system to keep it sanitary.



P.S. They only need to bath a couple times a week! 24/7 access is not necessary.

BROODER

Before your birds arrive, there is a lot to do, and we understand that prep can be stressful for new duck owners. Here's a basic list of things you need to have ready!

- **Brooder:**
 - For 1–8 ducklings, a 2x2 foot area or larger will work. For each duckling over 8 in number, add a ½ square foot of space. By 3 weeks old, you will need 4x4 square feet or larger.
- **Bedding:**
 - Bedding options include wood shavings, hemp, or straw.
- **Heating:**
 - Heat lamp or plate set at 90–95 degrees Fahrenheit for the first week. Decrease by 5 degrees each week. Make sure the heat lamp or plate is off to one side so they can cool off if needed.
- **Feed & Water:**
 - Starter Feed (a waterfowl or all flock crumble feed) for the first 3 weeks
 - Must contain 20–22% crude protein
 - Chick feeders work best, allowing them to get the food but not walk in it.
 - Fresh, clean drinking water

NESTING BOXES

Give your ducks and geese a safe, cozy spot to lay eggs! A proper nesting box can help keep eggs cleaner, reduce egg breakage, and make daily care easier on you.



Sizes: Ducks ~12" x 14" | Geese ~18" x 18"
Pro Tip: Place boxes just before laying season so birds adopt them quickly.



Want to learn more?

Sign up for our newsletter where we share updates about new blogs! We currently have a plethora of blogs that dive deeper into tips, tricks, and more.



Goslings



Photo by Amber C.

| BREED | TEMPERAMENT | WEIGHT | EGG PRODUCTION | MOTHERING | CONSERVATION STATUS | SHOW QUALITY | ORIGIN | WEEDING |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| African | Noisier | 12.5 - 15.5 lbs | 35 - 45 /year | Good | Plenty | | China | Good |
| Brown Chinese | Noisier | 9.0 - 10.5 lbs | 30 - 45 /year | Poor | Watch | Good | China | Excellent |
| Buff | Very Calm | 14.0 - 16.0 lbs | 25 - 35 /year | Good | Watch | Good | USA | Good |
| Buff Toulouse | Calm | 15.0 - 17.0 lbs | 20 - 30 /year | Good | No Rank | Average | USA | Good |
| Emden | Calm | 15.0 - 20.0 lbs | 35 - 45 /year | Good | No Rank | Above Average | Germany | Good |
| French Toulouse | Calm | 15.0 - 18.0 lbs | 35 - 50 /year | Good | No Rank | | France | Good |
| Large Dewlap Toulouse | Very Calm | 18.0 - 25.0 lbs | 16 - 25 /year | Fair | Watch | Good | England | Below Average |
| Pilgrim | Very Calm | 13.0 - 15.0 lbs | 20 - 25 /year | Good | Threatened | Good | USA | Good |
| Roman Tufted | Calm | 11.5 - 14.0 lbs | 20 - 30 /year | Good | Critical | Good | Italy | Good |
| Sebastopol | Calm | 11.0 - 13.5 lbs | 13 - 18 /year | Fair | Threatened | Good | Central Europe | Good |
| Super African | Noisier | 16.0 - 20.0 lbs | 20 - 30 /year | Good | Watch | Good | China | Below Average |
| Toulouse | Calm | 14.0 - 16.0 lbs | 25 - 30 /year | Good | Watch | | France | Good |
| White Chinese | Noisier | 10.0 - 15.0 lbs | 40 - 55 /year | Poor | Watch | Below Average | China | Excellent |



African

The African goose originated from China's wild Swan Goose and was introduced to Europe in the 1700s and the U.S. in the 1800s.



Super African

Our Super African goose, modeled after China's historic Lion Head breed, is large, vocal, and nearly unchanged over the past 150 years. It's one of the best guard geese you can own.



Buff

The Buff goose is admired for its warm, striking plumage and its notably calm, friendly temperament. Highly sociable, it integrates smoothly with mixed flocks and is widely regarded as an ideal choice for a pet.



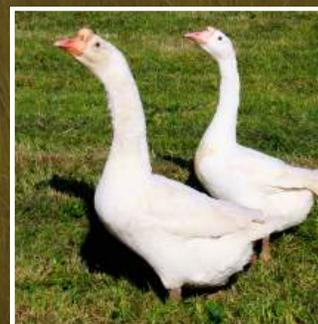
Brown Chinese

The Brown Chinese goose, the smallest and most elegant of our geese, originates from China's wild Asiatic Swan goose and has the most pronounced knob of any African or Chinese breed.



Pilgrim

Pilgrim geese are the only domestic breed whose sex can be distinguished at any age, with males showing yellow and light gray down with pale bills as babies, and females darker gray-green down with darker bills.



White Chinese

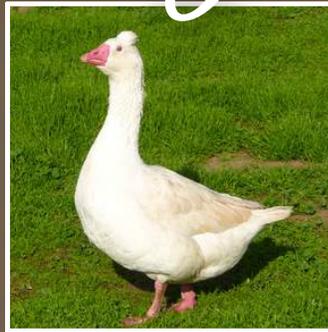
Originating from China's wild Asiatic Swan goose, this is known for its soft, raised knob, and the white variety is a prolific layer, typically producing 30-45 eggs per year, with exceptional birds reaching up to 100.

Goslings



Embden

The first Embden geese were imported in America in 1820. Embden are a strong, fast-growing white breed with blue eyes and orange beak and feet, they are popular for meat production.



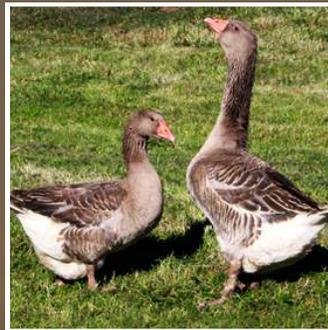
Roman Tufted

The Roman breed appears to have originated in Italy and is one of the oldest breeds. It is not a large goose and is actually classified as a light breed for show purposes.



Sebastopol

A uniquely twisted-feathers breed that has existed for centuries, originating near the Black Sea and Balkans, with a name possibly linked to the port of Sebastopol.



French Toulouse

We imported Toulouse stock from France in 2006 and have been offering their progeny ever since. They are a utility goose that are very hardy and are grown commercially in France.



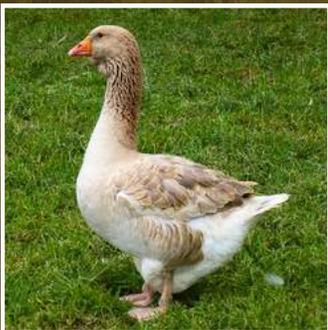
Toulouse

Developed in Haute Garonne, France, Toulouse geese are a sturdy, dependable breed known for laying well and reliably hatching and raising their own young. They're one of the most common and durable goose breeds.



Large Dewlap Toulouse

The Large Dewlap Toulouse, developed in England in the 1850s for exhibition, is distinguished by its large dewlap, deep keel, and full paunch



Buff Toulouse

Buff Toulouse Geese have the beautiful coloring and disposition of Buffs, but have the bigger size and dewlap of the Large Dewlap Toulouse. This is a rare coloration making it a very distinctive Toulouse.

Silly Goose Facts

GOOSE HONKS:

A goose's honk can be heard over half a mile away, which basically makes them the original car alarm.

TERRITORIAL:

They take "back off" very seriously. Geese will chase humans, dogs, and even cars if they think their space is threatened.

MATE FOR LIFE:

Geese are extremely loyal. If a mate dies, geese will mourn and sometimes even hold a "wake." Yes, geese have funerals.

NAP THIEVES:

Baby goslings sometimes fall asleep on their parents' back while swimming, like floating pillows!

FEATHERED PRANKSTERS

Some geese will steal objects that catch their eye—gloves, hats, even shoes—and drag them off like tiny, honking burglars.

Other Birds

*Prebook at least 5 orders in a year and pay at the next lower price bracket.



Cornish Cross

These 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. Chicks come vaccinated for Mareks & Coccidiosis. Unsexed only.



Brown Egg Layer

The Brown Egg Layer Chicken is a prolific layer. These hens are known for their impressive ability to produce a bountiful supply of delicious and nutritious, brown-shelled eggs. The Brown Egg Layer will provide you at least 240 eggs in the first 40 weeks of production. Enjoy a steady supply of eggs with this chicken!



Award winning tasty chickens - Thanks!

Please add award-winning to the title... we ordered these for our daughter's FFA chicken project and our freezer. In the local county fair, she won 1st and 3rd place, and in the regional state fair: 2nd and 5th - making the auction sale. A great learning experience for her and, after both fairs, we processed each batch and have been enjoying them ever since. Great for roasting, grilling, and our favorite - in the dutch oven. We'll keep ordering these and have recommended Metzger farms to other FFA families! Thanks!



NEW BREED

THE PIONEER CHICKEN



The Pioneer Chicken is a slow-growing dual-purpose bird perfect for free-range and pasture-based farming systems. Developed over 15 years of selective breeding, this heritage cross was first established in the 1940s and has been continuously refined to improve meat quality, resilience, and natural foraging instincts.

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.



Heritage Turkeys

Heritage turkeys are prized for their natural hardiness, excellent foraging abilities, and superior flavor. They thrive in free-range environments, adapt well to different climates, and require minimal supplemental feed. This makes them an excellent choice for sustainable farming and backyard homesteads.



French Pearl Guineas

Pearl Guineas are popular for insect control and valued for their wary nature and loud alarm call when they feel threatened. They fly and they often perch in trees if they are allowed to stay out over night.



Turkey Breeds

- Standard Bronze
- Blue Slate
- Narragansett
- Black Spanish
- Bourbon Red

Heritage Turkey Assortment

Not sure which breed you want? Order an assortment! When you order this package, you'll receive a variety of healthy, lively poults, chosen by Metzger Farms. Turkey breeds in your order will be based on our availability at the time of shipment, which may result in only receiving one breed.

Need to get rid of ticks? These are your go-to! They LOVE them!

Eggs, Merch, & More!

Hatching Eggs

We sell duck hatching eggs for those who want to incubate and hatch at home or school. If you just want ducklings, it's easier to order them directly. For a hands-on learning experience, we can supply the eggs. Ordering from Metzer Farms is simple—choose your eggs, place your order, and we'll carefully package and ship them right to your door.



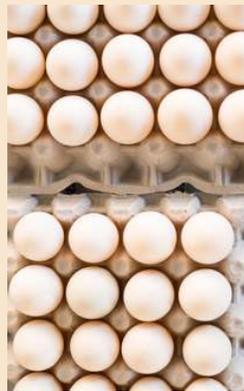
Thank you for being one of the few reputable online duck egg marketplaces!

Chris from San Antonio, TX



Duck Eggs for Eating

Olinday Farms brings you the same rich, creamy duck eggs you love, now under a new name honoring Olin Metzer and the "all day egg," perfect for baking, cooking, and even for some with chicken egg sensitivities. A larger size than chicken eggs, they add visual appeal and elevate any recipe.



Blown Eggs



Blown eggs are hollowed-out, non-edible duck and goose eggs that can be used for decorative purposes. There is a hole drilled in it and the white and yolk are removed from the egg through the hole. All goose eggs are laid in the spring, with the infertile eggs being blown and cleaned at that time. Duck eggs are produced year-round, and the infertile eggs are blown as orders are received.



NOT FOR CONSUMPTION

Merch!

From the pond to your wardrobe, our merch keeps you cozy and stylish. Grab a tee or hat and show off your feathered friends. Perfect for farm life, errands, or hanging out with your flock.



Scan the QR code to get your Metzer Farms merch today!

Duck Life Insurance

For a small fee, you can have the comfort of knowing your birds are insured for one year from the day your order was shipped. If you lose a bird for any reason, no questions asked, Metzer Farms will send you a replacement bird of the same breed for zero cost to you. You just phone us to let us know.

CARE & Management

ARE YOU NEW TO DUCKS? DON'T WING IT!

Prior to Arrival

- 🦆 Pick a **brooder** location to house your new ducklings. Initially they need 1/3 square foot per bird. Have a solid wall in the pen to prevent drafts.
- 🦆 Get these **SUPPLIES**: Heat lamp, poultry feeder, waterer and bedding such as pine shavings, hemp bedding, or straw.
- 🦆 Purchase **STARTER FEED**: Newly hatched ducklings and goslings need crumble starter feed for the first 3 weeks of their lives. After 3 weeks of age, birds can be moved to a grower feed where the protein is 17 to 19%. Adding VitaMetz Waterfowl Boost to their water is a great option to help support this new transition.

They are Home

- 🦆 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. Ensure they drink several times within the first 2 hours. **Make sure they can't get in the water and get chilled.** Allow them some time in their brooder to eat, drink, and relax after their travels before too much handling.
- 🦆 Watch your birds. 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.
- 🦆 The brooder temperature can be dropped about 5 degrees a week and the heat lamp turned off after 3-4 weeks. As your birds grow, 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.
- 🦆 At 8 weeks of age, they are fully feathered and they can stay outside full-time with access to a shelter for protection from the elements.
- 🦆 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 a heat lamp after swimming.



For complete instructions on how to properly care for your ducklings, please refer to our online instructions by scanning the code



ORDERING & Delivery

HOW DO I ORDER?

The best way to place your order is on our website at www.metzerfarms.com. We list current availability for each breed well into the future. Orders can also be made over the phone at **831.679.2355**

SHIPPING & ARRIVAL DAYS

Hatching and shipping days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. In most 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.

FREE SHIPPING

All of our products include free shipping anywhere in the United States. To provide the best shipping experience for your birds, we custom pack each order and include GroGel, a nutritional and hydrating supplement for consumption during transit. Smaller orders require special handling. We use a different box, add insulation, and provide at least one heat pack to keep the birds warm.

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. We want all of our customers to be happy with their experience!



PICKUP

Would you like to pick up your birds instead of having them shipped? You can! Just text us at 831.679.2355 after you place your order and let us know. We have two locations - Memphis, TN and Gonzales, CA!



Janine T.

Losses?

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 a credit or replacement. **Call or text us at 831.679.2355.**

Feathered Fun!

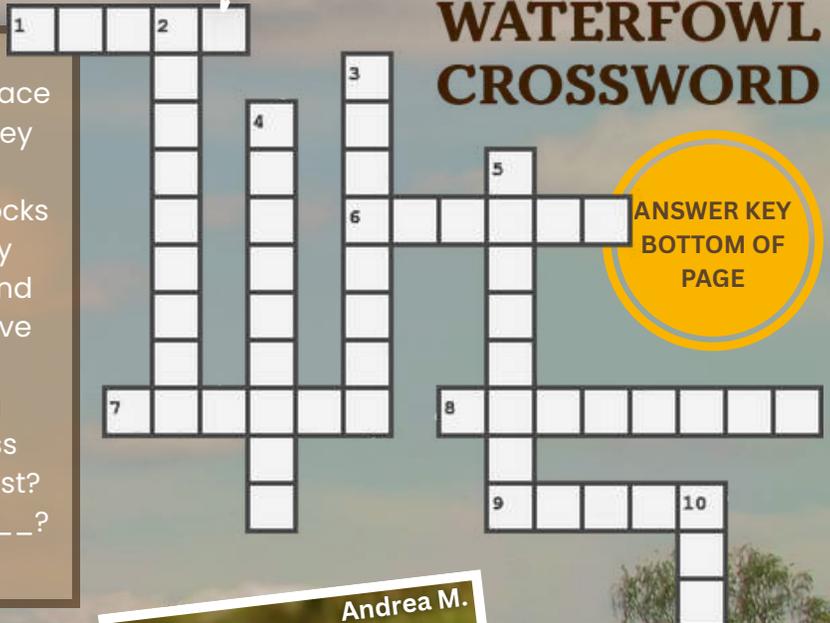
WATERFOWL CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. The most popular white duck in the U.S.
6. A black-feathered duck named after a New York Lake
7. When a hen really wants to sit on eggs
8. A supplement that keeps ducks healthy and growing
9. Larger than a duck, famous for honking loudly

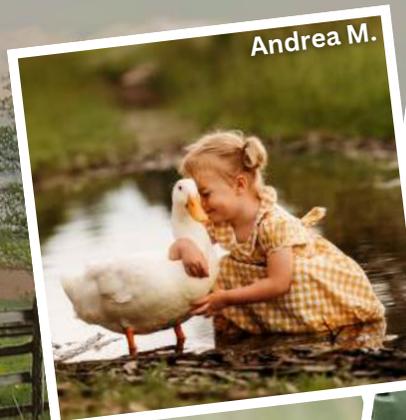
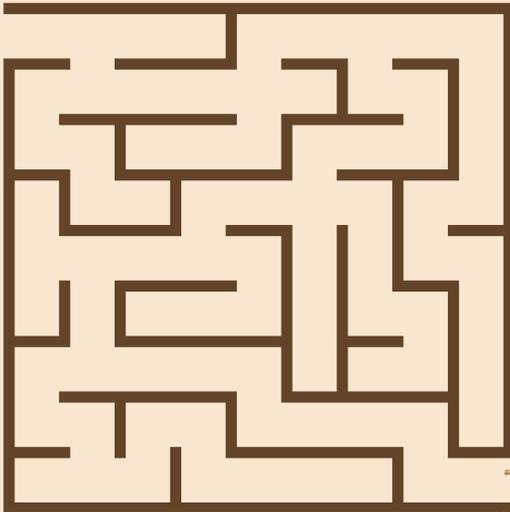
DOWN

2. A cozy, warm place for eggs before they hatch
3. Where future flocks begin their journey
4. Ducks, geese, and other birds that love ponds
5. A tiny, waddling bundle of cuteness
10. Which came first? The duck or the ___?



DUCK MAZE

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Take our quizzes to find out your spirit duck, which duck is right for you, and if you're ready for waterfowl!

Am I ready?



Spirit Duck



Duck Decision



CROSSWORD ANSWERS: Across: 1. Pekin 6. Cayuga 7. Broody 8. Vitamet 9. Goose Down: 2. Incubator 3. Hatchery 4. Waterfowl 5. Duckling 10. Egg



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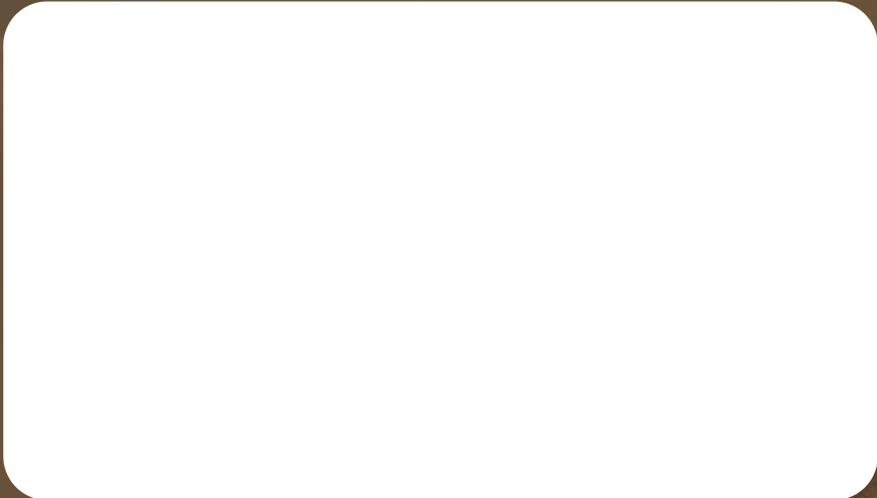
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