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# Metzer Farms

## 2023



*Day Old Ducklings!*

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**A Family Hatchery.**



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**FREE SHIPPING!**

# EXCITING NEWS: NOW HATCHING & SHIPPING FROM TWO LOCATIONS!



TWO DAY SHIPPING NATIONWIDE

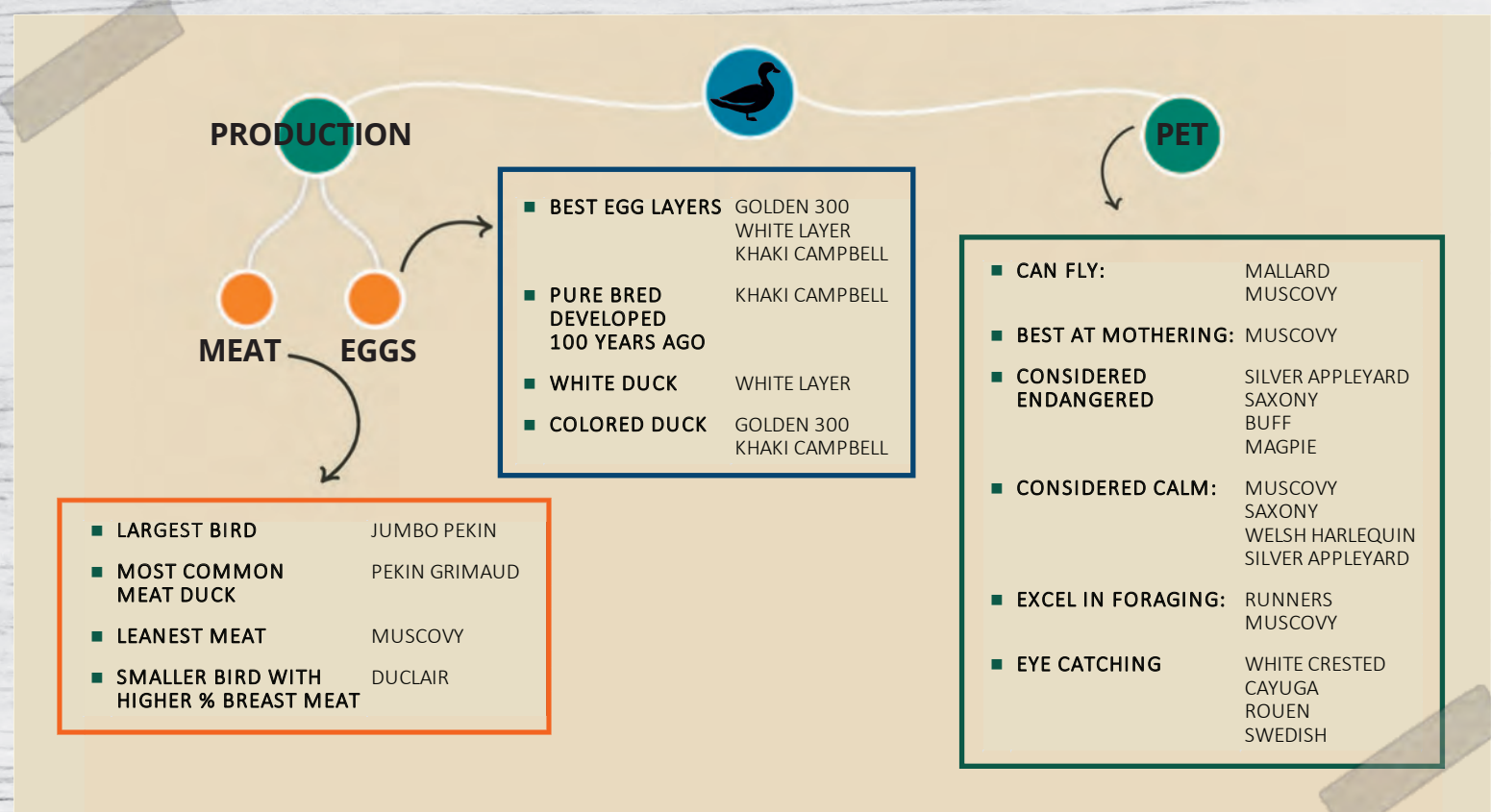


Metzer Farms has opened a second hatchery location in Memphis, TN and we are hatching and shipping from this new hatchery weekly! The new hatchery is strategically positioned near the USPS distribution center and Fedex world hub to allow us the opportunity to ship nationwide in less time, creating a better delivery experience for your birds. Most customers can expect their order to arrive in one or two days.

**FAMILY IS AT THE HEART  
OF METZER FARMS**



# WHAT DUCK IS BEST FOR ME?



# DUCK COMPARISON CHART

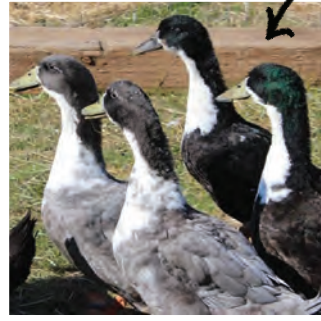
DUCK	TEMPERAMENT 1 CALM - 10 ACTIVE	WEIGHT IN LBS.	EGG PRODUCTION PER YEAR	FORAGING	CONSERVATION STATUS*
BLACK MUSCOVY	1.0	6.5-15.0	100-150	EXCELLENT	NO RANK
BLACK RUNNER	3.5	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING
BLACK SWEDISH	2.3	5.0-6.25	130-180	GOOD	WATCH
BLUE RUNNER	4.0	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING
BLUE SWEDISH	3.0	5.0-6.25	100-180	GOOD	WATCH
BUFF	3.0	5.0-6.25	130-180	GOOD	THREATENED
CAYUGA	8.8	4.75-6.0	130-180	GOOD	WATCH
CHOCOLATE RUNNER	4.3	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING
DUCLAIR	5.0	5.0-6.0	100-150	GOOD	NO RANK
FAWN & WHITE RUNNER	7.5	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING
GOLDEN 300 HYBRID	7.7	4.5-5.75	200-290	GOOD	NO RANK
JUMBO PEKIN	5.5	9.0-13.5	140-175	FAIR	ABUNDANT
KHAKI CAMPBELL	9.0	3.5-4.5	165-240	VERY GOOD	WATCH
MAGPIE	4.5	4.5-6.0	120-180	GOOD	THREATENED
MALLARD	5.0	2.25-2.5	60-120	VERY GOOD	ABUNDANT
PEKIN GRIMAUD	5.5	8.0-12.25	150-200	FAIR	NO RANK
ROUEN	4.5	5.0-7.25	140-180	GOOD	PLENTY
SAXONY	1.0	6.5-8.5	110-175	GOOD	THREATENED
SILVER APPELYARD	1.2	7.0-9.0	120-175	VERY GOOD	THREATENED
WELSH HARLEQUIN	1.3	4.5-5.5	100-150	GOOD	WATCH
WHITE CRESTED	9.0	6.0-7.25	100-130	FAIR	NO RANK
WHITE LAYER	6.7	4.5-5.75	200-290	GOOD	NO RANK
WHITE MUSCOVY	1.0	6.5-15.0	100-150	EXCELLENT	ABUNDANT

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# DUCKLINGS

## 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/gray color. As with all blue poultry, however, their progeny will hatch in blues, blacks & silvers. Their origins are in northern Europe.



## Black Swedish

The Black Swedish 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.

## Buff Duck

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.

## Cayuga

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 shells are greenish or blackish in color.

## Mallard

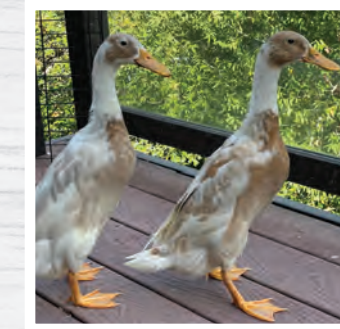
The Mallard is the breed from which all domestic ducks, except the Muscovy, originate. How do we know this? The Mallard is the only wild duck where the male has a curly feather ... and all domestic ducks have this same trait! Mallards can fly extremely well and can consistently hatch and raise a brood of ducklings.

## Rouen

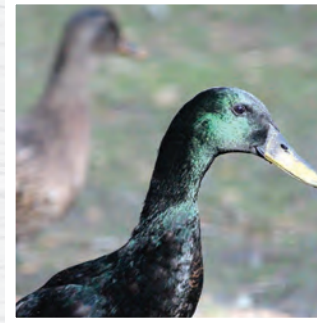
Rouen ducks were originally bred in France and retain the beautiful feather coloring of our native Mallard but are double the size. They are second to only Pekins and Muscovy in size and are said to have very flavorful meat. They are moderate layers with many of their eggs being greenish in color. Males have the green head just like Mallards.

## Magpie

The Magpie is one of our new breeds we are offering for the first time this year. Originating from Britain, they make a great addition to any yard with their splash of black and white, their quiet nature, and calm demeanor.



FAWN & WHITE RUNNER



BLACK RUNNER



CHOCOLATE RUNNER



BLUE RUNNER

## Runners

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 eating snails, insects and waste grain in rice fields. They rarely have leg problems as they cover long distances every day in their native Asia. Because of their strong herding instinct, Runners are often used to train young herding dogs. If you order Assorted Runners, you will receive an assortment of our 4 colors of Runners shown above.

## Silver Appleyard

The Silver Appleyard breed was developed by Reginald Appleyard of England in the 1930's. Among the heavy weight ducks, Silver Appleyards and the Saxony are considered the most active foragers of the large breeds. Some claim it to have the most flavorful meat of the ducks and they can often hatch and raise their own ducklings. They are reputedly the best egg layers among the heavy weight ducks.

## Welsh Harlequin

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 underfeathers are white. They were developed in 1949 in England and came to the USA in 1968. We find them to be a very calm and easy duck making them a good option for young children.

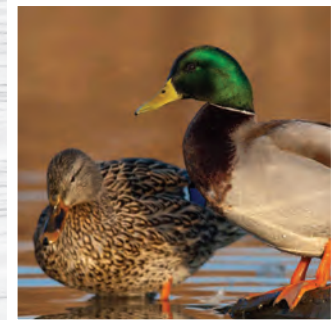
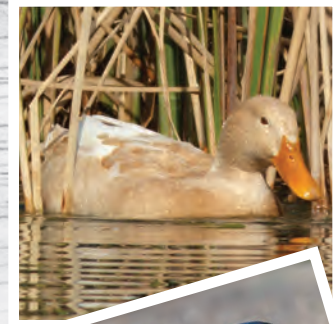
## Saxony

This beautiful breed of duck was developed by Albert Franz of Germany in the 1930's. He used Pekin, Rouen, Buff and Blue Pommeranian breeds to develop an excellent dual purpose bird that has a light colored undercoat of feathers to make a better appearing carcass. Mr. Franz was held in a prisoner of war camp during WWII. When he returned after the war, his birds were gone and he had to start over in developing the breed.



## White Crested

The White Crested duck is a beautiful, unique breed with its tuft of feathers on the top of its head. Many people enjoy the White Crested due to their unique appearance. 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.



SEE OUR DUCKLING PRICES HERE



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# BEST EGG LAYING DUCKLINGS

## Golden 300 Hybrid

The Golden 300 Hybrid is a high egg laying breed we developed 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".



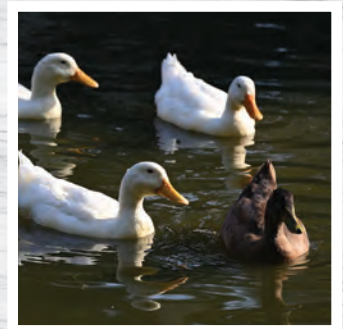
## White Layer

We selected the White Layer from our Golden 300 and have made these available since 2000 as some of our customers wanted a white feathered laying duck to make it easier to sell the older layers at the end of production. Their egg production is the same as the Golden 300. The only difference is the White Layer lays about 1-2% blue/green eggs and the Golden 300 lays about 5% blue/green eggs.



## Khaki Campbell

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. They are a heritage breed.



## Egg Layer Assortment

This is a fun, new duckling assortment we are offering this year. This assortment contains female ducklings 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. We will try our best to provide you with a variety but the number of breeds 1, 2 or all 3 will be based on availability.

	Golden 300 & White Layer	Khaki Campbell
Number Eggs 40 Weeks of Lay	230	195
Number Eggs 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



6 Haddie R. from Fuquay Varina, NC

# BEST MEAT BIRDS

## Pekin Grimaud Hybrid

The Pekin is by far the most common breed of domestic duck in North America. The strain of Pekin we use is from Grimaud Freres, a poultry breeding company in France. It is extremely fast growing, feed efficient, and hardy duck for commercially grown meat. We import breeding stock from Grimaud every 4 months to ensure you have the best Pekin ducks available. They have an extremely large breast and lower fat content. If you place at least 5 orders in a year for at least 25 birds, you pay at the lower price break. More details: **800-424-7755**



## Duclair

We have developed our own strain of white Duclair duck – a French Heritage breed of duck originally grown in Normandy, France. They are smaller than our Grimaud Hybrid Pekin but have a higher percentage of breast meat and less fat.

## Jumbo Pekin

The Jumbo Pekin is our largest Pekin duck. It should be the biggest Pekin in the meat show compared to other strains of Pekins. Males are 11-13+ lbs. and females 10-12 lbs. by 18 weeks.



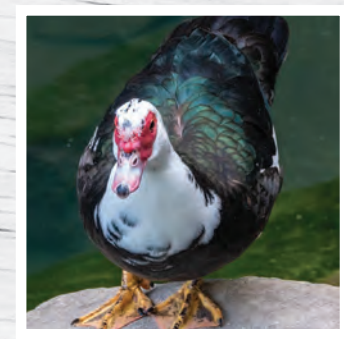
## White Muscovy

Muscovy are excellent at hatching and raising multiple broods of ducklings. Many people love the Muscovy as they are the quietest breed of duck we have and are excellent fliers. In addition, adult males are twice the size of females – by three weeks of age you can begin to differentiate the sexes by their size. They produce a very lean breast meat and are often found at some of the nicest restaurants.



## Black Muscovy

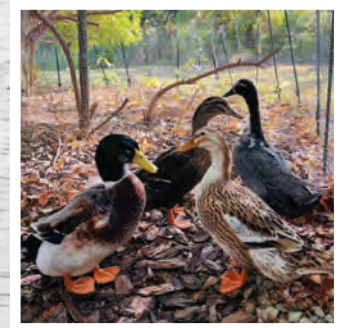
The Black Muscovy is a new addition to our duck offerings that will be available later in 2023. Black is the native color of wild Muscovy originally found in the swamps and rivers of Brazil. Our birds are generally black, and in good light, you can see a glossy greenish hue on their backs. They also have white on their heads and neck. We import our breeding stock from Grimaud Freres of France to produce their R41 strain.



# MIX OF DUCKLINGS

## 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 24 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.



# MEAT PRODUCTION TABLE

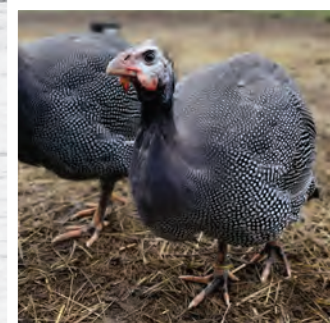
	PEKIN GRIMAUD	DUCLAIR	EMBDEN	CORNISH CROSS	PEARL GUINEA
AGE AT SLAUGHTER IN DAYS	49	84	112	49	75
LIVE WEIGHT IN LBS.	8.0	6.1	15.7	7.4	3.6
EVISCERATED WEIGHT IN LBS.	5.6	4.3	11.5	5.6	2.7
FEED CONVERSION	2.4	3.0	5	1.8	3.7
MORTALITY PERCENTAGE	2.5%	3.2%	4.0%		7.0%
BREAST FILET PERCENTAGE	21.2%	25.5%			23.8%
SKIN & FAT IN CARCASS PERCENT	30.2%	26.7%			
AVAILABILITY	YEAR ROUND	YEAR ROUND	MARCH- JULY	YEAR ROUND	FEB-NOV

## CORNISH CROSS & PEARL GUINEAS



### Cornish Cross

This Cobb 500 Cornish Cross has exceptional feed conversion and growth rate. This chicken will produce the best uniformity for processing with lean, tender breast meat. Vaccination for Mareks and Coccidiosis included in the price for all chicks. These birds are hatched year round & can often be ordered with as little as 4 days notice! If you place at least 5 orders in a year for at least 50 Cornish Cross chicks per order, you pay at the next lower price break. Call for complete details.



### Pearl Guineas

Pearl Guineas originate from Africa and are excellent foragers. After starting, they grow and thrive on bugs (they love ticks), insects and weed seeds. 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 (3.6 lbs. Liveweight in 75 days or 4.3 lbs. in 98 days) and feed conversion.

Elise T. and Allison T. from Healdsburg, CA



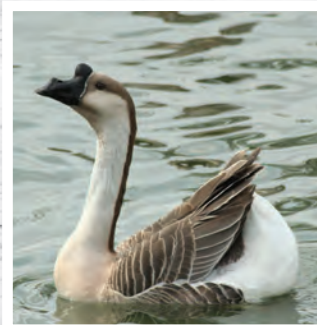
"Metzer Farms is an amazing group of people and the care and pride they have for their feathered babies is incredible. Got 18 ducks and 6 geese from them and the flock is fabulous!"  
- David S. from New Caney, TX

# GOOSE COMPARISON TABLE

GOOSE	TEMPERAMENT	WEIGHT IN LBS.	EGG PRODUCTION PER YEAR	FORAGING	CONSERVATION STATUS*
AFRICAN BUFF GOOSE	NOISIER	12.5-15.5	35-45	GOOD	NO RANK
BUFF TOULOUSE	VERY CALM	14-16	25-35	GOOD	WATCH
BROWN CHINESE	CALM	16-20	20-30	BELOW AVERAGE	NO RANK
EMBDEN	NOISIER	9-10.5	30-45	EXCELLENT	WATCH
FRENCH TOULOUSE	CALM	15-20	35-45	GOOD	ABUNDANT
LARGE DEWLAP TOULOUSE	CALM	15-18	35-50	GOOD	NO RANK
PILGRIM	VERY CALM	18-25	15-25	BELOW AVERAGE	WATCH
ROMAN TUFTED	VERY CALM	13-15	20-25	GOOD	THREATENED
SEBASTOPOL	CALM	11.5-14	20-30	GOOD	CRITICAL
SUPER AFRICAN	CALM	11-13.5	13-18	GOOD	THREATENED
TOULOUSE	NOISIER	16-20	20-30	BELOW AVERAGE	WATCH
WHITE CHINESE	CALM	14-16	25-30	BELOW AVERAGE	WATCH
	NOISIER	10-15	45-55	EXCELLENT	WATCH

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## 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.



### French Toulouse

We imported the French Toulouse for meat purposes many years ago. 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 other than the White Chinese.



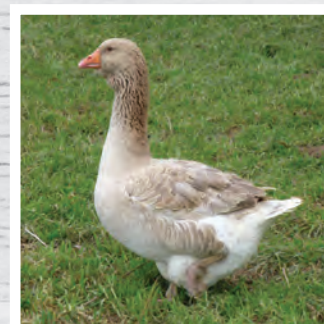
### Buff Goose

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.



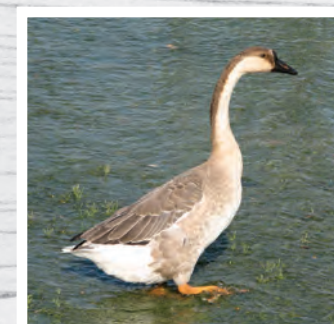
### Embden

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. Most of our genetics come from the Hutterite Colonies of the United States and Canada.



### Buff Toulouse

The Buff Toulouse is one of our rarest breeds of geese. They have the beautiful coloration and disposition of Buffs but have the dewlap of the Large Dewlap Toulouse.



### Brown Chinese

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

# GOSLINGS



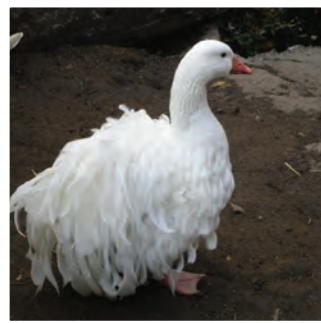
## Large Dewlap Toulouse

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



## 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.



## Sebastopol

A flock of Sebastopol geese is a fascinating sight as no other waterfowl have their curly, twisted feathers. They originated in Southeastern Europe and are very quiet & amiable.



## Super African

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



## Toulouse

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.



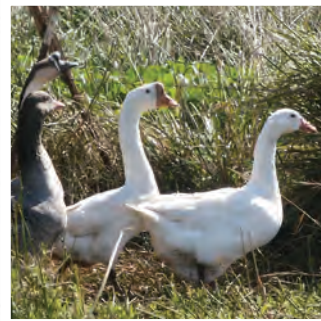
## Pilgrim

The Pilgrim goose was developed in the early 1900's in Iowa. A unique characteristic of the Pilgrim goose is that its sex can be determined from its feather color at any age. The males are white with touches of gray on them. The females look much like a Toulouse though the gray is lighter and they often have white faces.



## White Chinese

The White Chinese geese originated in China and are related to the African geese. They are often referred to as "Swan Geese" because of their carriage, grace & ancestry. Though all geese love grass, many people prefer using the Chinese for weeding purposes because of their small size and active nature. They will lay the most eggs of any breed of geese.



## 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!



## 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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR  
GEESSE HERE



# LUCKY DUCKS ACROSS THE NATION!

*From Our Family to Yours*

*Becky A. from Highland, NY*

*Karen A. from Willow Grove, PA*

*Melia and Harry*

*lola H. from Windsor, CA*

*McKendra G. from Bradford, ME*

*Loran H. from Tell City, IN*

*Kennedy A. and her duck, MeiMei*

**"I just wanted to say Thanks. We picked up the ducklings we ordered yesterday and they're extremely healthy, pretty, and friendly! Y'all did an awesome job shipping them and keeping them happy during the trip. If we order more ducks, they will definitely be from you guys!"**  
- Jeanne from Camden, Indiana

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# FARM FRESH DUCK EGGS FOR EATING

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 Metzger 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.



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## EGG COMPARISON

### Duck

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 egg (70g)	
Amount Per Serving	
<b>Calories 130</b>	Calories from Fat 87
<b>% Daily Values*</b>	
<b>Total Fat 9.64g</b>	<b>15%</b>
Saturated Fat 2.58g	13%
Trans Fat 0g	
<b>Cholesterol 619mg</b>	<b>206%</b>
Potassium 155.4mg	4%
Sodium 102mg	4%
<b>Total Carbohydrate 1.01g</b>	<b>0%</b>
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 0.65g	
<b>Protein 8.97g</b>	<b>18%</b>
Vitamin A 9%	Calcium 4%
Iron 15%	
*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your Daily Values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.	
	Calories 2,000 2,500
Total Fat	Less than 65g 80g
Sat Fat	Less than 20g 25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg 300mg
Sodium	Less than 2400mg 2400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g 375g
Dietary Fiber	25g 30g

### Chicken

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 egg (50g)	
Amount Per Serving	
<b>Calories 78</b>	
<b>% Daily Values*</b>	
<b>Total Fat 5g</b>	<b>8%</b>
Saturated Fat 1.6g	8%
Trans Fat 0g	
Polyunsaturated Fat 0.7g	
Monounsaturated Fat 2g	
<b>Cholesterol 211mg</b>	<b>70%</b>
Potassium 63mg	2%
Sodium 70mg	3%
<b>Total Carbohydrate 0.6g</b>	<b>0%</b>
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 0.6g	
<b>Protein 6g</b>	<b>12%</b>
Vitamin A 5%	Calcium 2%
Iron 3%	Vitamin D 11%
Vitamin B6 5%	Vitamin B12 10%
Magnesium 1%	
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Total Fat	Less than 65g 80g
Sat Fat	Less than 20g 25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg 300mg
Sodium	Less than 2400mg 2400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g 375g
Dietary Fiber	25g 30g

### Why Duck Eggs?

- Richer, Fuller Flavor
- Flavorful Add-on
- Smoother, Creamier Custards
- Moister, Richer Cakes
- Firmer Mayonnaise
- Thicker Shell & Longer Storage
- Nutrient-Packed
- More Protein
- Larger Egg
- An Alternative for Those Allergic to Chicken Eggs

"Thank you for being one of the few reputable online duck egg marketplaces."  
- Chris from San Antonio, TX



William G. from Waunakee, WI hatched his own Pekins from eggs

# HATCH YOUR OWN EGGS

THERE IS NOTHING AS EXCITING AS HATCHING YOUR OWN DUCK 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!

# GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

## ■ PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Before the birds arrive, you need to prepare a place for them that provides the protection and warm environment they need. Usually this is in a barn, outbuilding or garage. If it has had poultry before, it is best to clean and disinfect it. Initially they need about 1/3 square foot per bird. Start with 2 inches of wood shavings (not sawdust as they may eat it) or straw for bedding. Place their drinking water in the pen and turn on the heat a day in advance so everything is warm for their arrival. For the first several days you can add our vitamin/mineral pack to the water to help support their transition. Turn the heat on the day before you expect your birds so the bedding is warm for their arrival. 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. There should be some type of solid wall or partition around the pen to prevent drafts (which can be deadly). Make sure dogs, cats and rats are kept out.

Have waterfowl feed purchased prior to the duckling's arrival. Newly hatched ducklings and goslings need crumble starter feed for the first 3 weeks of their lives. Ideally you should find starter feed specifically formulated for waterfowl, but starter feed for chickens is fine so long as it has 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 drops to between 17 to 20%. More specific nutritional requirements can be found here:



## ■ THEY HAVE ARRIVED!

Normally the post office phones when your birds arrive and asks you to pick them up. When you get them home, dip each bird's beak in water to ensure they get their first drink. Also make sure they tip their head back to 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 (panting), it is too warm in the pen. The ducks 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 bedding than to clean it out every day. Usually the temperature can be dropped about 5 degrees 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 or chicks. As your birds grow and add weight, you can allow them to venture outdoors for brief periods during the day. In the spring and summer this might be at 10-14 days of age. In cooler weather, they might need to be 3 weeks before going outside on a sunny day. Bring them in out of the rain if they are not completely feathered. Once they are fully feathered (7-9 weeks of age) they can stay outside all the time with a shelter from the sun and heavy rains.

Ducklings and goslings can be introduced to swimming water as early as three weeks of age but 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! Use a blow dryer if they become cold and lethargic.

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## 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 1/2" 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.



## DIY WATERER SOLUTIONS FOR KEEPING YOUR PEN CLEAN & 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 while they are babies. The vast majority of poultry feed has adequate amounts of niacin – even for ducks. But occasionally a feed is made with inadequate amounts of niacin and it will 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 below to show you how much to supplement and take the guessing out of your feeding.



NIACIN INFORMATION

*"My ducks arrived in perfect shape! Thanks for being so helpful and I will definitely be ordering from you again. I am recommending you to all my friends!"*  
- Max from Bainbridge, Ga



Maggie B.'s gosling, Gus, from Lola, MT

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# ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS & SHIPMENT

## HOW DO I ORDER? IT'S EASY!

The best way to place your order is on our website at [www.metzerfarms.com](http://www.metzerfarms.com). We list current availability for each breed up to 16 weeks into the future. Orders can also be made over the phone by calling **1-800-424-7755**.

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Lindsey D. from Blanchard, LA

## SHIPPING AND ARRIVAL DAYS

Hatching and shipping days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. In the vast majority of cases, your birds will arrive one or two days after we ship them. You can expect a call from your local post office to go pick them up on arrival day. Be sure to give the birds food and water immediately.

## EMAILS & TRACKING NUMBER

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.

## WHAT ABOUT LOSSES?

Rarely do we have problems with mortality. We do cover losses during transit and for the first 48 hours after the ducklings arrive. Please call us within 3 days so we can arrange a credit or replacement.

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