

YOUR WATERFOWL EXPERTS

2025

DUCKS • GEESE • CHICKENS
GUINEAS • TURKEYS - *New Offering!*



**Metzer
Farms**

A FAMILY HATCHERY SINCE 1972



WELCOME!



@jaimemaed

A LETTER FROM **JOHN METZER**

Dear Friends of Metzer Farms,

Welcome to the Metzer Farms catalog! Did you know that the origin of Metzer Farms started in the sheep pastures of Oregon?

My father was a teacher but loved being a farmer on the side. He had sheep to control the grass in his plum orchard (grown for Gerber baby food) and he had ducks to eat all the snails that harbored a parasite of the sheep. When we moved, he brought some of his ducks and Southdown sheep to California. Soon he was selling ducklings to local feed stores from an incubator in our garage along with duck eggs for salting and balut. By the time he retired, it was almost a full time hobby.

I was majoring in Animal Science in college when I decided to turn his hobby into a business and took all the business management courses I could. Upon graduation in 1978, it became a full time job for me. . . and has been ever since. My wife, Sharon, and I told all our children that they could work at Metzer Farms after college but they had to work somewhere else first. Janelle and Erin loved the farm but pursued other careers. So did our son Marc - but after five years came back to the farm making the third generation at Metzer Farms. We have grown significantly since then by buying a second breeder farm, building our new hatchery in Tennessee, adding VitaMetz Waterfowl Boost, chicks, keets, Call ducks and most recently Heritage turkeys.

This is truly a family farm. Marc is taking over the management and his wife Katy works alongside him having embraced the shift from school counselor to duck farmer. When we were hit by Avian Influenza two years ago, our daughter Erin and her husband Patrick (Kelly) converted a storage building into a duck building on their property 150 miles away so they could help us save some of our rare breeds of ducks. One of those is our Kelly Green duck - a duck we are now developing to lay 100% green shelled eggs. We hope for this to be available in 2026.

Many of our grandchildren go through a phase of wanting to be a duck farmer when they grow up. I assume all children go through this, right? We will see how that goes. Maybe Generation Four?

I hope you enjoy looking through our catalog and dreaming about all the different birds. Which ones are for you? Wishing you the best for 2025!

SINCERELY,

John Metzer

METZER FARMS

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



2 The Metzer Family from left to right - Back row: Mike, Janelle, Everett, Patrick, John, Sharon & Marc
Front row: Morgan, Taylor, Katy, Lincoln, Erin & Parker

Cover Photo: Courtney P. from Dacono, CO
1st place winner in our 2025 Photo Contest



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. Order today and learn why we are the waterfowl experts and experience first hand the joy of duck ownership.

Shipping From Your Nearest Location

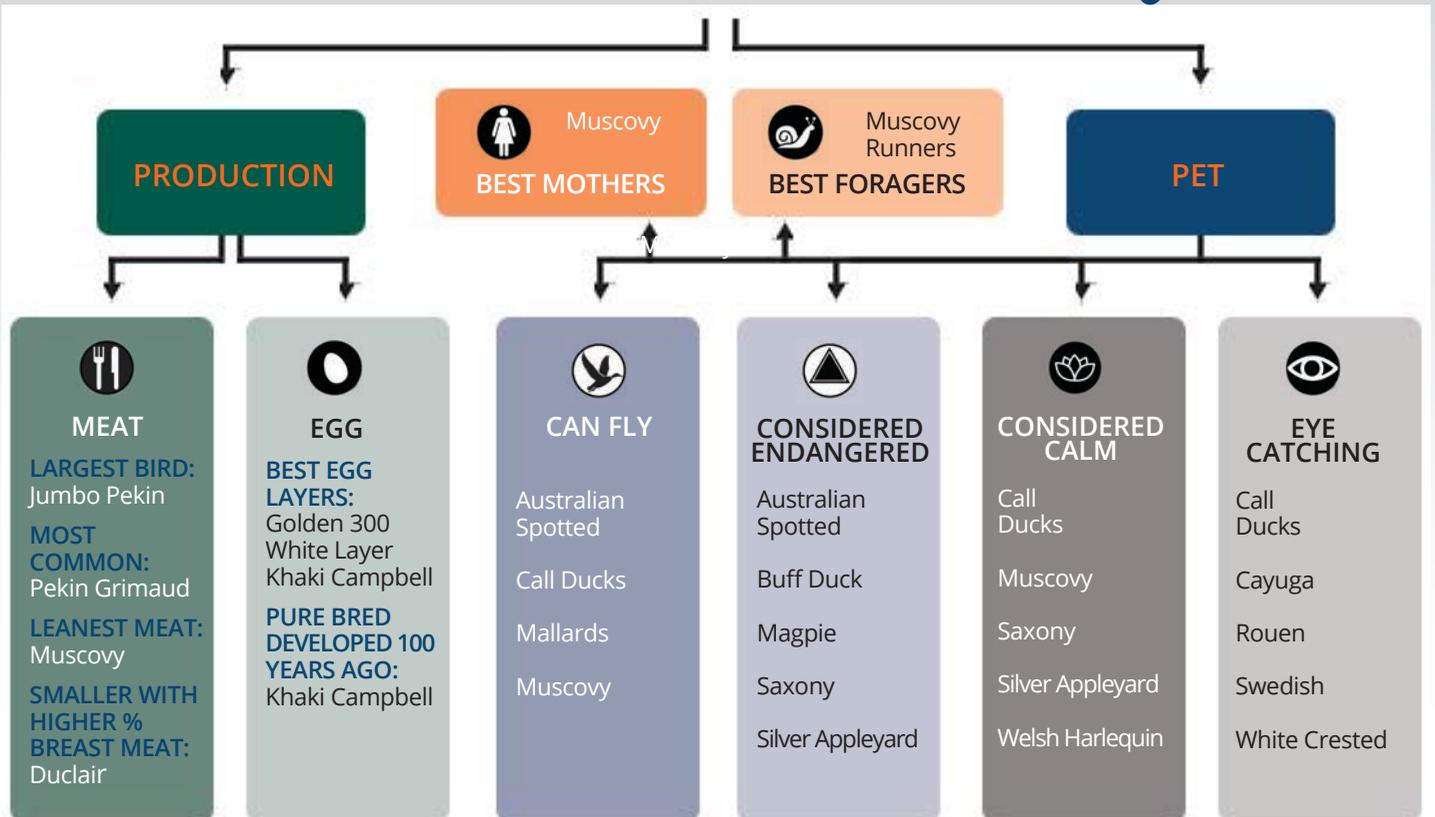


FREE NATIONWIDE SHIPPING

Breed Icons:

- Good for Meat Production
- Excellent Egg Production
- Good at Mothering
- Best Foragers
- Calm Temperament
- Eye Catching Plumage
- Considered Endangered
- Can Fly

DUCK DECISION TREE *Which Duck is Right for You?*





DUCKLINGS



Nicholas M. from Walla Walla, WA

MAGPIE



Magpies are a great addition to any yard with their black and white splash of color, their quiet nature, and their calm demeanor. They are definitely a customer favorite.

BUFF DUCK



Emily M. from Brighton, MI

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.

CAYUGA



This is a glamorous black duck known for their eye-catching, iridescent green sheen. As they age, Cayuga will grow more white feathers and gray with age. Their eggs often have a grayish tint & can sometimes be a pure black. Their unique coloration makes them stand out in any flock.

New Breed! AUSTRALIAN SPOTTED

NEW!



The Australian Spotted is an extremely rare and special breed developed in the US in the 1920's by John C. Kriner. They are a small bantam sized Heritage duck new to Metzer Farms this year. They are active, adventurous foragers and they are one of the hardiest of duck breeds.

Australian Spotted A Heritage Breed on the Critical List

"The Livestock Conservancy is thrilled that Metzer Farms will be offering Australian Spotted ducks to the public for the first time. This diminutive duck is among the rarest ducks on our Conservation Priority List and this new effort will bring much needed attention to the breed. Congratulations to Metzer Farms for taking on the important role of becoming the Australian Spotted duck's newest conservation steward."

- Jeannette Beranger, Senior Program Manager at The Livestock Conservancy

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 distinct 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.



BLACK SWEDISH

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



DUCKLINGS

Do You Know?

QUESTION #1

Metzer Farms ducks do not typically fly except for 4 breeds. What are the 4 breeds that easily fly?

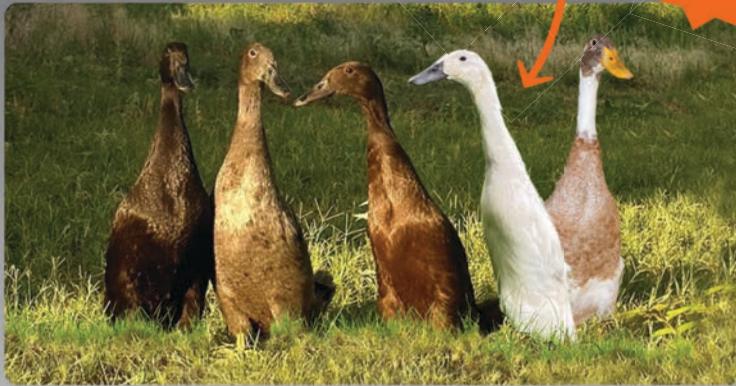
See the bottom of page 18 for the answer!



SILVER RUNNERS - *New Breed!*

RUNNERS 

NEW!



Selsor Farm in Western OK

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.

This year we are offering an exciting new colored Runner to the color palette. Welcome the Silver Runner to the mix! Silver Runners are very light gray (almost white in coloration) with dark bills.

We also offer an option called "Assorted Runners" for customers who are interested in purchasing runners, but are flexible on color.

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 Hemispheres. They fly extremely well, have a wide habitat range, and are very adaptable.

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 & are moderate layers producing greenish colored eggs.

SAXONY  



A rare variety developed in Germany in the 1930's, Saxony ducks are an excellent dual purpose bird that are docile in nature and regal in appearance. They easily adapt to various climates.

SILVER APPELYARD  



These are a good example of a dual-purpose breed. Silver Appleyards are considered the best egg layers and most active foragers among the heavyweight ducks. They are large birds weighing up to 9 lbs & some people claim they have the most flavorful meat of all ducks.

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. Welsh Harlequins are very calm and friendly, making them a good option for children.



DUCKLINGS

WHITE CRESTED



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

White Crested Photo from Cathy Z. from Amsterdam, NY

MIX OF DUCKLINGS



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

Fun Facts About Ducks

DUCKLINGS COMMUNICATE BEFORE HATCHING:

Ducklings peep with one another while still in the egg just before hatching.

DUCKS HAVE GREAT VISION:

Ducks can notice important fine details of objects in the distance much better than humans can.

DUCKS SLEEP WITH ONE EYE OPEN:

Ducks keep an eye out for danger by actually being able to sleep with one eye open.

DUCKS HAVE ACCENTS:

For example, ducks in the city quack louder than ducks in the countryside because they must be heard over the noise of the city. Rural ducks make more long, relaxed sounds.

DUCKS KEEP THEMSELVES VERY CLEAN:

Despite what their pen looks like, ducks keep themselves very clean. They are constantly in the water cleaning their feathers and preening themselves of debris.



Emily H. from New Canaan, CT. Ducks Apricot, Hope & Nutmeg

What Makes Call Ducks Special

- Their small compact size is perfect for small living spaces and makes them easy to carry
- Their friendly disposition makes them great social companions
- They have a unique, high pitched quack
- Their adaptability makes them good for both urban and rural settings
- They have small, but very tasty eggs



Emily K. from Palmyra, NY



CALL DUCKLINGS



7 Amazing Colors!

*Cute, Compact & Personable!
Limited Availability - Order Today*

We also offer a **Call Duck Assortment** for customers who would like to purchase Call Ducks, but are flexible on color.

PENCILED

The Penciled Call Duck is recognized by detailed, fine penciled patterns. Their plumage is typically a light color with darker markings against clean white.



BLUE

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

BLACK



Black Call Ducks have glossy black plumage with a black bill and legs. Some birds may have minimal variations of these markings and exhibit a white bib, but the primary coloration is solid black.

WHITE



White Call Ducks are pure white with a pristine, clean appearance. They also have an orange bill and feet, giving them an elegant, striking presence.

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.

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.



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 color.

QUESTION #2

What 3 unique duck breeds were developed by Metzger Farms?

See the bottom of page 18 for the answer!

Another Question!



EGG LAYING DUCKS

GOLDEN 300 HYBRID



The Golden 300 Hybrid is a high egg laying breed that was proudly developed at Metzer 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 Khaki Campbells. Females will range in color from light to dark brown, often with white spots on them. Males can range in looking like "almost Rouen" to "almost Cayuga".

WHITE LAYER



This is great breed developed at Metzer Farms for customers looking for high egg production from a white feathered duck. White Layers and Golden 300's are our two best egg producers.

KHAKI CAMPBELL



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



Khaki Campbells - Sara M. from Rolfe, IA



White Layer Ducklings - Olivia S. from Walla Walla, WA

Do You Know?

QUESTION #3

What color Call Duck has the same coloration as a Mallard but a very different body type?

See the bottom of page 18 for the answer!



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 is a great option for somebody who is interested in an egg layer, but not particular on breed. The number of breeds in the assortment is based on availability.



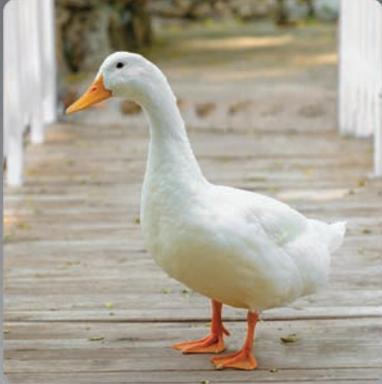
EGG LAYING STATISTICS



MEAT DUCKS

Ducks that make great pets as well!

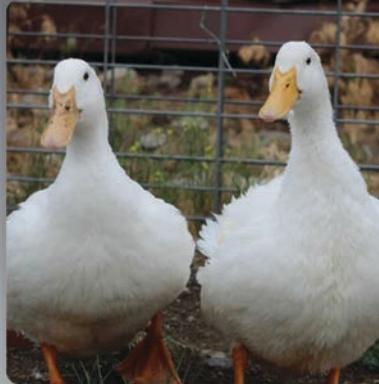
PEKIN GRIMAUD HYBRID



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 possible. 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.

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.



Lindsey J. from Granite Falls, WA

BLACK MUSCOVY

The Black Muscovy is the native color of wild Muscovy originally found in the Brazilian wilderness. In good light, you can see a glossy greenish hue on their backs. They also have white on their head and necks. We import our breeding stock from Grimaud Freres in France.

DUCLAIR



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



WHITE MUSCOVY

Like Black Muscovy, White Muscovy are recognized by the caruncle on their faces and a quieter quack as compared to other other ducks. Raised for ornamental and meat purposes, they're favored among duck enthusiasts for their lean meat and their great mothering capabilities.

If you are interested in a Muscovy but not specific on color, we offer the **Muscovy Variety** pack at a discounted price. You may receive black, white, silver, or a variety of Muscovy colors based on availability.

For the first time ever, we are offering a sexed option for our Muscovy. In 2025, Muscovy are available as straight run, male or female.

Learn More About Ducks



DUCK BREEDS



AVAILABILITY



COMMERCIAL MEAT INFO



MEAT PRODUCTION TABLE





GOSLINGS

GOOSE BREEDS



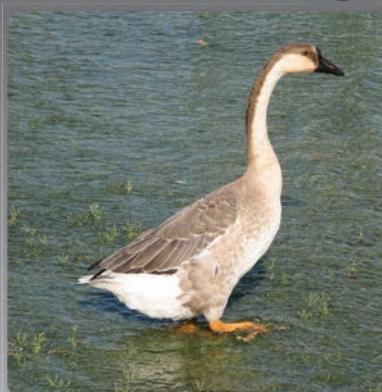
AFRICAN



The African goose is a direct descendant from the wild Chinese Swan Goose of China. This goose is intermediate in size between the Super African and Brown Chinese in weight.

African Breed Photo from Celeste B. from Reidsville, NC

BROWN CHINESE



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

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.

LARGE DEWLAP TOULOUSE



The Large Dewlap Toulouse was developed from the Toulouse goose in England in the 1850's. It is a large, slow moving and calm goose that will easily fit in any backyard flock. We only have males available in 2025.

PILGRIM



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

Pilgrim Breed Photo from Bethany H. from Madison, NH

Testimonial

"I would just like to let you know that my order of 2 goslings arrived when expected, and all were healthy and perky when they arrived... They are continuing to thrive. Thank you so much for taking such care to breed, hatch, and ship these babies with so much care, love and attention to detail. I will continue to order from you and refer your farm to anyone interested in obtaining happy, healthy, beautiful birds. My purchase of your ducks & geese have provided so much joy to my children, grandchildren, and I over many years now."

- Janis from Panama, NY



GOSLINGS

EMBDEN



The Embden is the most prominent 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 and have blue eyes.

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. Males only available in 2025.

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 and we imported our breeding stock directly from France.

(right) Goose Dad from Mary S. of Center Ossipee, NH; (below) from Debbie H. from Lauren, SC



ROMAN TUFTED



The Roman Tufted is small in stature weighing between 10 and 12 pounds. This goose is characterized by a small tuft of feathers on its head.

SUPER AFRICAN



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

Testimonial

"I could hear them peeping in the background when the post office called. The goslings are in tip top shape, drinking and eating as soon as they were out of the box. I am beyond thrilled. Thank you Metzger Farms!"

- Linda J. from Sharps Chapel, TN



GOSLINGS

Fun Facts About Geese

GEESE ARE LOYAL:

Wild geese mate for life and are very protective of their partners and offspring.

SEMANTICS:

Goose is actually a term for female geese, male geese are called ganders, a group of geese on land or water is called a gaggle, and a group flying is called a skein.

GEESE ARE BIG

Geese are the largest waterfowl other than swans and they spend most of their time on land not water.



@wheatly.rose.homestead

SEBASTOPOL



The Sebastopol is a whimsical & elegant goose. They are graceful with unusual curly feathers which adds a touch of charm to your landscape. They have a calm temperament making them delightful backyard companions. Males only available in 2025.

WHITE CHINESE



White Chinese Geese are originally from China and they are sometimes referred to as "Swan Geese" because of their long, graceful necks. They will lay the most eggs of any breed of geese. They lay from 40-55 eggs per year.

TOULOUSE



Add these gentle geese to your dream flock. Toulouse Geese are substantial in size and docile in temperament making them a great choice when it comes to your home flock.

FANCY GOSLINGS



Our choice of breeds from our more rare breeds. This package will have no White Chinese, Embden, Toulouse, or African goslings. If you order at least 9, we will have at least 2 breeds included.

MIX OF GOSLINGS



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



OTHER BIRDS

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.

*Place at least 5 orders in a year and pay at the next lower price break. Call for complete details.



Stevie H. from Redding, CA

FRENCH PEARL GUINEAS



Pearl Guineas are popular for insect control (especially ticks!) and they are valued for their wary nature and loud alarm call they make when they feel threatened. Pearl Guineas fly and they often perch in trees if allowed to stay out during the night.

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. Enjoy a steady supply of eggs with this chicken.

A sampling of our Heritage Turkeys:
A Royal Palm, Slate & Narragansett
Turkey shown here.

*Exciting News
Another New Offering in 2025!*

HERITAGE TURKEYS



Alyssa S. from Farmington, NM



Heritage Turkey Breeds

- Bronze
- Slate
- Narragansett
- Bourbon Red
- White Holland
- Black
- Beltsville Small White
- Royal Palm

We're excited to announce that Metzer Farms will be offering day-old heritage turkey poults for the first time in 2025! Heritage Turkeys are traditional breeds known for their unique characteristics, excellent flavor, and ability to naturally reproduce. Unlike commercial breeds, these turkeys grow at a natural pace, allowing for a richer, more flavorful meat. Starting in 2025, you can choose from a variety of heritage breeds, including Bronze, Slate, Narragansett, Bourbon Red, White Holland, Black, Beltsville Small White, and Royal Palm. Each breed offers distinct qualities in appearance, temperament, and size, perfect for both farmers and enthusiasts. Don't miss this opportunity to raise a truly unique turkey that reflects the best of tradition and sustainable farming practices.



BREED COMPARISON CHARTS

DUCKS

	Temperament 1 Calm - 10 Active	Weight in lbs	Egg Production Per Year	Foraging	Conservation Status*	Origin
AUSTRALIAN SPOTTED	1.0	2.0-2.20	50-125	VERY GOOD	CRITICAL	USA
BLACK MUSCOVY	1.0	6.5-15.0	100-150	EXCELLENT	NO RANK	SOUTH AMERICA
BLACK RUNNER	3.5	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING	INDONESIA
BLACK SWEDISH	2.3	5.0-6.25	130-180	GOOD	WATCH	GERMANY
BLUE RUNNER	4.0	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING	INDONESIA
BLUE SWEDISH	3.0	5.0-6.25	100-180	GOOD	WATCH	GERMANY
BUFF	3.0	5.0-6.25	130-180	GOOD	WATCH	ENGLAND
CALL DUCK	1.0	1.0-2.0	25-50	GOOD	NO RANK	NETHERLANDS
CAYUGA	8.8	4.75-6.0	130-180	GOOD	WATCH	USA
CHOCOLATE RUNNER	4.3	3.25-4.0	130-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING	INDONESIA
DUCLAIR	5.0	5.0-6.0	100-150	GOOD	NO RANK	METZER FARMS
FAWN & WHITE RUNNER	7.5	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING	INDONESIA
GOLDEN 300 HYBRID	7.7	4.5-5.75	200-290	GOOD	NO RANK	METZER FARMS
JUMBO PEKIN	5.5	9.0-13.5	140-175	FAIR	NO RANK	CHINA
KHAKI CAMPBELL	9.0	3.5-4.5	165-240	VERY GOOD	WATCH	ENGLAND
MAGPIE	4.5	4.5-6.0	120-180	GOOD	THREATENED	ENGLAND
MALLARD	5.0	2.25-2.5	60-120	VERY GOOD	NO RANK	N. AMERICA
PEKIN GRIMAUD	5.5	8.0-12.25	150-200	FAIR	NO RANK	CHINA
ROUEN	4.5	5.0-7.25	140-180	GOOD	NO RANK	FRANCE
SAXONY	1.0	6.5-8.5	110-175	GOOD	THREATENED	GERMANY
SILVER APPELyard	1.2	7.0-9.0	120-175	VERY GOOD	WATCH	ENGLAND
SILVER RUNNER	4.0	3.25-4.0	100-180	EXCELLENT	RECOVERING	INDONESIA
WELSH HARLEQUIN	1.3	4.5-5.5	100-150	GOOD	WATCH	WALES
WHITE CRESTED	9.0	6.0-7.25	100-130	FAIR	NO RANK	HOLLAND
WHITE LAYER	6.7	4.5-5.75	200-290	GOOD	NO RANK	METZER FARMS
WHITE MUSCOVY	1.0	6.5-15.0	100-150	EXCELLENT	NO RANK	SOUTH AMERICA

GEESE

	Temperament	Weight in lbs	Egg Production Per Year	Weeding	Conservation Status*	Origin
AFRICAN	NOISIER	12.5-15.5	35-45	GOOD	NO RANK	CHINA
BUFF GOOSE	VERY CALM	14-16	25-35	GOOD	WATCH	USA
BUFF TOULOUSE	CALM	16-20	20-30	BELOW AVG	NO RANK	USA
BROWN CHINESE	NOISIER	9-10.5	30-45	EXCELLENT	WATCH	CHINA
EMBDEN	CALM	15-20	35-45	GOOD	NO RANK	GERMANY
FRENCH TOULOUSE	CALM	15-18	35-50	GOOD	NO RANK	FRANCE
LARGE DEWLAP TOULOUSE	VERY CALM	18-25	15-25	BELOW AVG	WATCH	ENGLAND
PILGRIM	VERY CALM	13-15	20-25	GOOD	THREATENED	USA
ROMAN TUFTED	CALM	11.5-14	20-30	GOOD	CRITICAL	ITALY
SEBASTOPOL	CALM	11-13.5	13-18	GOOD	THREATENED	CENTRAL EUROPE
SUPER AFRICAN	NOISIER	16-20	20-30	BELOW AVG	WATCH	CHINA
TOULOUSE	CALM	14-16	25-30	BELOW AVG	NO RANK	FRANCE
WHITE CHINESE	NOISIER	10-15	40-55	EXCELLENT	WATCH	CHINA

* Based on information from The Livestock Conservancy at www.livestockconservancy.org



LUCKY DUCKS

Do You Know?

QUESTION #4

How many ducks do you see in our Metzer Farms logo above?

See the bottom of page 18 for the answer!



Lindsey J. from Granite Falls, WA



Ashley D. from Old Lyme, CT



A FAMILY HATCHERY

LUCKY DUCKS ACROSS THE NATION

From Our Family to Yours!



Annabel P. from Sebastopol, CA



Rebecca B. from Chetek, WI



Katy & Marc Metzer



@melissamoonbeams



@aducknamedharry



Andrea Martin Photography - 2nd place winner in our 2025 Photo Contest



@poethegoldie

A Family Hatchery.

Testimonial

"I LOVE my ducks from Metzer Farms! They bring me such companionship and joy. I never realized that ducks could make such great pets. They are so cute and fun to have around. They have really bonded with me, and I cannot imagine a life without them."

- Julia from Cloverdale, CA



EGGS & WATERFOWL BOOST

OLINDAY FARM FRESH EGGS FOR EATING



We sell our cage free duck eggs under our brand, Olinday Farms. Olin Metzger raised 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.



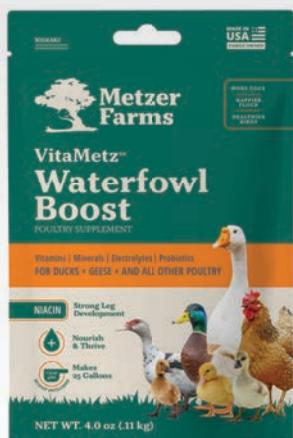
Waterfowl Boost Testimonial

"VitaMetz definitely gave me stronger birds. Their leg strength was much greater meaning they would walk around out in the grass more... The flock that used VitaMetz actually grew larger. I'm excited to try the product now on every flock."

- Earl K. from Glenrock, PA

Our Waterfowl Boost has a fun new look in 2025!

VITAMETZ WATERFOWL BOOST



NEW PACKAGING!

Metzer Farms specially formulated poultry pack for waterfowl hit the market last year! Our Waterfowl Boost is a complete package of vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, and probiotics for ducks, geese, and all other poultry resulting in more eggs, healthier birds, and an overall happier flock. It is the ultimate **16** supplement designed to give your flock the boost they need for healthy development and longevity.

HATCHING EGGS



Jenna C. from Rives Junction, MI

We offer duck hatching eggs which are available year round for those of you wanting to experience the hatching process with your classroom or your own children. These are the same hatching eggs we hatch our ducklings from weekly. There is a \$50 minimum order which averages about 6 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 safe shipping. It is fascinating & rewarding to watch a fertile duck egg turn into a cute little duckling in 28 short days!

Hatching Eggs Testimonial

"Thank you for the duck eggs. We've ordered duck eggs for several years from you & we've always been pleased with the outcome. This year, all 8 eggs were fertilized and we have 8 healthy Pekin ducklings. My son is over the moon."

Ashley C. from Charleston, SC





CARE & MANAGEMENT

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

Prior to Arrival

- ✓ Pick a **BROODER LOCATION** for housing young birds like a garage or other outbuilding. Initially they need 1/3 square foot per bird. Have a solid wall around the pen to prevent drafts.
- ✓ Get these **SUPPLIES**: Heat lamp, poultry feeder, waterer and bedding such as pine shavings or straw.
- ✓ 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 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 bill 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.**
- ✓ 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 birds 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 should start at 95° and then drop 5° a week after the first week. Though goslings grow faster, they will need a heat lamp longer than ducklings. 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. In cooler weather, they might need to be 3 weeks old before going outside on a sunny day. Bring them inside, 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 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.

Keeping a Dry Pen

- ✓ Waterfowl can be very messy with their water and it can be hard to keep their pen dry. Read about solutions to keep your pen dry here.

HOW TO
KEEP YOUR
DUCK PEN
DRY



Niacin

- ✓ Compared to chickens, waterfowl need 2 to 3 times the amount of Niacin (Vitamin B3) in their diet during 2-7 weeks of age when they are growing rapidly. The vast majority of poultry feed has adequate amounts of niacin, but occasionally some feeds are made with inadequate amounts of niacin which affects waterfowl's development and leg strength. Scan the QR code here to learn about Niacin and take the guess work out of feeding.

NIACIN
INFO



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



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Words to Find:

- African
- Blown Eggs
- Brooder
- Broody
- Brown Egg Layer
- Buff Goose
- Bumblefoot
- Candling
- Call Duck
- Cayuga
- Dewlap
- Drake
- Ducks
- Duclair
- Egg
- Emden
- Geese
- Grimaud
- Hatch
- Hen
- Incubation
- Indian Runner
- Keet
- Metzer
- Niacin
- Pilgrim
- Poult
- Quail
- Rouen
- Runner
- Saxony
- Sex Link
- Super African
- Swedish
- Toulouse
- VitaMetz
- Waterer
- Waterfowl
- Welsh Harlequin

Last Question

QUESTION #5

What are our 2 best egg laying ducks and approximately how many eggs per year do they lay?

See the bottom of this page for the answer!

THE BENEFITS OF VITAMETZ WATERFOWL BOOST

VitaMetz Waterfowl Boost

Strong Leg Development
Niacin supplement for growth and mobility

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Beneficial bacteria to aid with healthy digestion and better feed utilization

Makes 25 Gallons
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NIACIN

VITAMETZ™ WATERFOWL BOOST is a comprehensive blend of vitamins, minerals, electrolytes and probiotics. It's the ultimate supplement designed to give your flock the boost they need for healthy development and longevity.

Healthy Flock
Includes vitamins, minerals, probiotics and electrolytes to support overall health

Nutrition & Stress Support
Balanced levels of electrolytes and nutrients for support in times of heat or stress

Egg Quality
Additional vitamins and minerals for more nutritious eggs

1 tsp per gallon
SCOOP INCLUDED

Catalog Answers:

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#1) Mallards, Muscovy, Call Ducks and Australian Spotted are the 4 breeds we sell that can fly. #2) Duclair, Golden 300 Hybrid, and White Layer ducks were all proudly developed at Metzer Farms. #3) Gray Call Ducks have the same coloration as Mallards. #4) There are 3 ducks in our logo. #5) Golden 300 and White Layer ducks are our best egg producers each laying up to 290 eggs per year. Thanks for playing!



Flying Call Ducks by Gentry R. from Stephenville, TX



ORDERING & DELIVERY

HOW DO I ORDER? *It's Easy!*

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 by calling **1-800-424-7755**.

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Duck Insurance

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Losses?

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.



Alana A. from Warroad, MN

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.

FREE SHIPPING

All of our products include free shipping anywhere in the US by Priority Mail. 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. Because of this, there is a handling and packaging charge for orders of less than 10 ducklings or less than 5 goslings.

Duck Insurance Testimonial

"I 100% recommend purchasing life insurance against your animals if and when possible. The extra cost covered everything and it was simple to make a claim. Will definitely buy from again in the future! Thank you Metzer Farms."

- Patrick C. from Rogers, AR



Joshua G. from Harkers Island, NC

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