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# FREE SHIPPING !!

All our products include free shipping anywhere in the US by Priority Mail!! Normal arrival time is within two days of mailing – we mail them Monday so you should receive your babies by Wednesday morning.



Smaller orders require special handling and we must use a different box, add insulation and provide at least one heat pack to keep them warm en route. Because of this there is a handling and packaging charge of \$37.50 for orders of five or fewer ducklings and \$18.50 for orders of six to nine ducklings. This is the same price we charged in 2020.

## NIACIN AND WATERFOWL

Compared to chickens, waterfowl need two to three times the amount of niacin (Vitamin B3) in their diet during their high growth period. The vast majority of poultry feed has adequate amounts of niacin – even for ducks. But occasionally a feed is made with inadequate amounts of niacin and it will affect waterfowl.

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. Niacin shortages occur when the ducklings are growing their fastest – typically from two to seven weeks of age. After ten weeks it is rarely a problem.



If you suspect a niacin problem or want to prevent it, the best would be to use a feed formulated for waterfowl such as those produced by Purina, Mazuri, Browns and Natural Waterscapes. If your only option is a general chicken or poultry feed, you can easily supplement by using niacin tablets, Vitamin B3 drops, vitamin packs or brewer's yeast.



Detailed instructions on how to use these supplements can be found on our website. Go to [metzerfarms.com/blog.cfm](http://metzerfarms.com/blog.cfm), click on Feed & Nutrition on the right side and find the blog “Determining How To Supplement Your Ducks’ Diet with Niacin”. This will show you how much to supplement and take the guessing out of your feeding.

Customers have said that a limping problem has disappeared after supplementing with extra niacin. However, if you do not correct the problem immediately the problem will become irreversible. Therefore, you must supplement as soon as you are suspicious you have a niacin deficiency.

*WOW!!! YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!! My ducklings arrived, way quicker than expected, all very healthy ducklings, eating, drinking and playing with their new one week old Cayuga siblings!! Thank you so much, again, you guys are awesome!!*

Jeff - Guilford, VT

# DUCKLINGS



## BLACK SWEDISH

The Black Swedish is very similar to the Blue Swedish in terms of their 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/gray color. As with all blue poultry, however, their progeny will hatch in blues, blacks and silvers. Their origins are in northern Europe.

*Thank you for all you have done. I appreciate your professionalism and consideration. Both babies arrived in excellent condition and are doing well. You went above others I have bought from.*  
Laura - Purdy, MO



## 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.

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## 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. Of all our breeds, they will be the best to release on a pond due to their ability to fly away from predators.



## MIXED DUCKLINGS

Mixed Ducklings are our lowest priced ducklings as they are composed of those breeds that hatched exceptionally well on hatch day. 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.



## 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.



## FAWN & WHITE RUNNERS, BLACK RUNNERS, BLUE RUNNERS, CHOCOLATE 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 a minimum of two breeds for orders of 2-14 and three breeds for larger orders



## 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.



## SILVER APPELYARD

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. 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.

## DATES OF AVAILABILITY

Pekin, Mallard, Khaki Campbell, White Layer.....	All year, every week
Cornish Cross Chicks .....	All year, except weeks where Monday is a holiday
All other Ducks.....	February through late fall
Geese.....	Mid-March to June
Pearl Guineas.....	February through mid-November



## 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 under-feathers are white. They were developed in 1949 in England and came to the USA in 1968. We have found them to be the calmest duck breed we have.



## 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 Gefluegelhof Institute in Germany to ensure complete genetic integrity.

# BEST EGG LAYING DUCKS

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## GOLDEN 300

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.

	GOLDEN 300/WHITE LAYER	KHAKI CAMPBELL
Egg Production		
-In 40 weeks of lay	230	195
-In 52 weeks of lay	290	240
Egg Weight	82 grams, 2.9 oz.	76 grams, 2.7 oz.
Fertility, Candling at 10 Days	93%	90%
Mortality During Lay	3%	4%
Pounds Feed/Duck/Day During Lay	.40	.36
Temperament	calmer than Khaki Campbell	excitable
Age at 5% Production	22 weeks	20 weeks
Number of Females for one Male	5.75	6.0
Weight of Female at 23 weeks	2.25 kg, 5.0 lbs	1.89 kg, 4.15 lbs

*I'm new to raising any kind of livestock. Your website is excellent, easy, intuitive interface and loaded with useful information instead of marketing hype, and I appreciate it – a good website is a sign of a good business.*  
Steve - Troy, IL



## MUSCOVY DUCKLINGS!

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.

*My first EGG-sperience with getting birds or hatching eggs from a hatchery and Metzger Farms was EGG-straordinary! I ordered 3 Chocolate Runner hatching eggs and 2 Cayuga hatching eggs. All arrived in EGG-cellent condition! AND they sent an EGG-stra Runner egg! 100% hatch rate! They are a month old now and thriving. They are my first ducks and were worth it. If you want ducks, order from Metzger Farms!*  
Lily - Pine Lake, GA



## THERE IS NOTHING AS EXCITING AS HATCHING YOUR OWN EGGS

For those of you wanting to experience the hatching process with your class or your own children, we offer our own duck hatching eggs which are available year round. Incubation instructions will be sent with the eggs but we also have instructions, egg candling pictures and a time lapse video of eggs hatching on our website. You can also watch eggs hatch every weekend on our website.

The eggs are 75% of the price of the same breed of duckling and that includes postage and our special packaging. The minimum order is 10 eggs. We guarantee fertility of at least 80% but cannot guarantee hatchability as that is entirely dependent on the incubator. Custom made foam packaging is used to ensure safe arrival of your eggs. We send them by Priority Mail which normally takes 2-3 days. Now is the time to become fascinated as you watch a fertile egg turn into a peeping little duckling in four short weeks!

## HOW DO I ORDER?

- Decide the breeds you want by looking at page 14 of this catalog or by visiting our website for more detailed information
- How many do you want? Do you want to choose the sexes or get the luck of the draw (straight run)
- Choose a week you would like them to arrive (available weeks will be shown if you order online)
- Order online or phone us at 800-424-7755.
- As soon as you decide what you want, place your order. If you wait - we may sell out.
- Get ready for your babies using the instructions on page 16 and 17

# PEKIN/MEAT BIRDS

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## PEKIN / GRIMAUD HYBRID

The Pekin is by far the most common breed of domestic duck in North America. The AFLAC duck and those cute, yellow ducklings you think of at Easter are Pekins. They originated in China and were imported in the United States in the 1870's.

The strain of Pekin we use is from Grimaud Freres, a poultry breeding company in France. It is an extremely fast growing, feed efficient and hardy duck for our customers that grow them commercially for meat. We import breeding stock from Grimaud every four 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 five orders in a year for at least 25 Pekin ducklings, you pay at the next lower price break. Call for complete details.



## 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. The Duclairs are used by some of the most discerning chefs. In fact, a Michelin three star restaurant in New York City often includes the Duclair in their menu.



## 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.

## meat production table

	<b>Grimaud Hybrid</b>	<b>Duclair</b>	<b>Cornish Cross</b>
	Duck	Duck	Chicken
Age at Slaughter, Days	49 days	84 days	49 days
Live Weight, lbs.	8.0 lbs.	6.1 lbs.	7.4 lbs.
Eviscerated Weight, lbs.	5.6 lbs.	4.3 lbs.	5.6 lbs.
Feed Conversion	2.4	3.0	1.8
Mortality, %	2.5%	3.2%	
Breast Filet, %	21.2%	25.5%	
Skin and Fat in Carcass, %	30.2%	26.7%	
Availability	Year round	Year round	Year round

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



# CORNISH CROSS, 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. They can be processed as a cornish game hen in as few as 4 weeks, a 7.4 lb. fryer at 7 weeks or a roaster at 10 weeks. Vaccination for Mareks, Salmonella, Coccidiosis and Bursal disease included in the price for all chicks. These birds are hatched year round and can often be ordered with as little as four days notice! If you place at least five 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. Guineas are also great watchdogs as they call out at the approach of any strangers. Many consider guineas the farm version of Neighborhood Watch. Not only will they alert you of visiting humans but also dogs, predators or anything else strange. They fly well and will perch in trees at night unless they are trained to come in each evening. 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 (3.68:1 or 3.73:1)

*Let me just compliment you on your Cornish Cross chickens. I have always held you guys up as the premier duck hatchery. Let me just say that these birds have outperformed any hatchery I have bought from in the last few years. These birds are huge and unaffected by the Summer heat. I look forward to continuing to order ducks as well as chickens from you all. Thank you!*

Derek - Seymour, TN

Embden	Pearl Guinea
Goose	Guinea
112 days	75 days
15.7 lbs.	3.6 lbs.
11.5 lbs.	2.67 lbs.
5.0	3.0
4%	7%
	23.8%
March-July	February -November
the pounds of feed it takes to produce one pound of live weight gain	





## AFRICAN

The African goose is descended from the wild Chinese Swan Goose of China. The only explanation for the name African is that it was customary in the early 1900's to give exotic names to newly imported breeds of poultry no matter their origin – and at that time Africa was considered very exotic. The African goose is intermediate in size between the Super African and Brown 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. Their buff color seems to remain beautiful year round.



## 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. Though they are a large breed, fertility and egg production are very good.



## BROWN CHINESE

The Brown Chinese has the same coloration as the African goose but is much smaller and refined. They are the smallest breed of goose we hatch. All our Brown Chinese stock originally came from David Holderread.



## CLASSIC ROMAN

The Classic Roman geese are much like the Roman Tufted geese – except they don't have the tuft of feathers on their head! They are a smaller goose and considered a Lightweight goose for show purposes. Their bills and legs range from pink to reddish-orange. Being a smaller goose, they have excellent egg production and fertility is rarely a problem. They are typically a calm goose with an excellent temperament. Our breeding stock originated from the Holderread Hatchery in Oregon.



## 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 agree that they were originally developed in Germany with subsequent breeding in England. Most of our genetics come from the Hutterite Colonies of the United States and Canada. These colonies have been selecting and improving their Embden geese for over 100 years.



## 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 two breeds for an order of 2-7 goslings, three breeds for 8-15 goslings and four breeds for an order of 16 or more goslings.

## GROGEL

All your birds will have GroGel included in their shipment at no charge so they will have something to eat along their way. GroGel is a feed supplement that is composed of the water, protein, probiotics, and carbohydrates needed for a safe trip. It is also a great insurance in case there are any delays during shipping.



## 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. Not many people have a Toulouse goose directly from France!



## LARGE DEWLAP TOULOUSE

The Large Dewlap Toulouse is a large, slow moving, calm and majestic goose that will fit in anyone's flock. Order early as we will sell out. The maximum order size is four birds.

# GOSLINGS

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## MIXED 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!

*Just wanted to thank you for making all the adjustments to my order. The two ducklings arrived safe and sound. And want to thank John Metzger and his team of workers for the amazing experience. Looking forward to getting more ducks in the future.*

Jo - Redmond, Washington



## PILGRIM

The Pilgrim goose was developed in the early 1900's in Iowa. It is one of the few breeds of geese developed in America. 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. They have the reputation of being one of the most calm breeds of geese.



## 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. It is a very friendly, prolific and noble goose.



## 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 and amiable. We have the largest breeding flock of Sebastopols in North America with over 350 geese. Order your Sebastopol goslings early as our largest hatches are in late March and they drop off rapidly after that. They will require better shelter for very cold temperatures as their feathers do not insulate them as well as other geese.



## SUPER AFRICAN

The Super African is an impressive, regal breed of goose. They are large with a well developed dewlap. In fact, they are probably the first breed of goose selected for dewlaps. They originate in China and are called Lion geese there. The maximum order is two goslings.



## 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.



## TUFTED BUFF

The Tufted Buff geese originate from the American Buff geese. Their unique characteristic is a tuft of feathers on the top of their head much like the Roman Tufted goose. This is a very hardy and unique breed of goose.



## TUFTED TOULOUSE

One of the interesting things we saw when we imported our French Toulouse was that some hatched with tufts of feathers on their head. We selected these and created the Tufted Toulouse. They have many of the same excellent characteristics of the French Toulouse... plus they have a tuft of feathers on their head. These are extremely rare – we have the only commercial breeding flock in the United States.



## 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 and 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. The African, White Chinese and Brown Chinese geese are the most talkative of our goose breeds.

# COMPARISON TABLE

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DUCKS



GEESE

DUCKS	TEMPERAMENT	WEIGHT (LBS)	EGG PROD.	FORAGING	CONSERVATION STATUS*
Black Swedish	Calm	5 – 6.25	130 - 180 /yr.	Good	Watch
Black Runner	Nervous	3.25 – 4	100 - 165 /yr.	Very Good	Recovering
Blue Runner	Nervous	3.25 – 4	100 - 165 /yr.	Very Good	Recovering
Blue Swedish	Calm	5 – 6.25	120 - 185 /yr.	Good	Watch
Buff	Calm	5 – 6.25	130 - 185 /yr.	Good	Threatened
Cayuga	Calm	4.75 – 6	130 - 190 /yr.	Good	Watch
Chocolate Runner	Nervous	3.25 – 4	100 - 150 /yr.	Very Good	Recovering
Duclair	Calm	4.5 – 6	130 - 200 /yr.	Good	No Rank
Fawn and White Runner	Nervous	3.25 – 4	100 - 165 /yr.	Very Good	Recovering
Jumbo Pekin	Very Calm	9 – 13.5	140 - 175 /yr.	Fair	Abundant
Golden 300 Hybrid Layer	Variable	4.5 – 5.75	200 - 290 /yr.	Good	No Rank
Khaki Campbell	Nervous	3.5 – 4.5	165 - 210 /yr.	Very Good	Watch
Mallard	Calm	2.25 – 2.5	60 - 120 /yr.	Very Good	Abundant
Pekin – Grimaud Hybrid	Calm	8 – 12.25	150 - 200 /yr.	Fair	Abundant
Rouen	Calm	5 - 7.5	140 - 190 /yr.	Good	Abundant
Saxony	Calm	6 - 7	130 - 180 /yr.	Very Good	Threatened
Silver Appleyard	Calm	7 - 8.25	120 - 180 /yr.	Very Good	Threatened
Welsh Harlequin	Very Calm	4.5 - 5.5	100 - 150 /yr.	Good	Watch
White Crested	Nervous	6 - 7	100 - 180 /yr.	Fair	No Rank
White Layer	Variable	4.5 - 5.75	200 - 290 /yr.	Good	No Rank

GEESE	TEMPERAMENT	WEIGHT (LBS)	EGG PROD.	WEEDING	CONSERVATION STATUS*
African	Noisier	12.5 - 15.5	35 - 45 /yr.	Good	No Rank
Buff Goose	Very Calm	14 - 16	25 - 35 /yr.	Good	Watch
Buff Toulouse	Calm	16 - 20	20 - 30 /yr.	Below Average	No Rank
Brown Chinese	Noisier	9 - 10.5	30 - 45 /yr.	Excellent	Watch
Classic Roman	Calm	11.5 - 14	20 - 30 /yr.	Good	Critical
Emden	Calm	15 - 20	35 - 45 /yr.	Good	Abundant
French Toulouse	Calm	15 - 18	35 - 50 /yr.	Good	No Rank
Large Dewlap Toulouse	Very Calm	18 - 25	15 - 25 /yr.	Below Average	Watch
Pilgrim	Very Calm	13 - 15	20 - 25 /yr.	Good	Threatened
Roman Tufted	Calm	11.5 - 14	20 - 30 /yr.	Good	Critical
Sebastopol	Calm	11 - 13.5	13 - 18 /yr.	Good	Threatened
Super African	Noisier	16 - 20	20 - 30 /yr.	Below Average	Watch
Tufted Buff	Calm	13 - 15	20 - 30 /yr.	Good	No Rank
Tufted Toulouse	Calm	15 - 18	35 - 50 /yr.	Good	No Rank
White Chinese	Noisier	10 - 15	45 - 55 /yr.	Excellent	Watch

\* Per the Livestock Conservancy at [www.livestockconservancy.org](http://www.livestockconservancy.org)

# CHICKENS AND DUCKS TOGETHER?

## SPACE

Many backyards have chickens, ducks and geese that thrive together in harmony. The key for this is to ensure they have enough space. If they can go through life as they see fit without interference from their neighbors, life will be good. If they are too crowded, there will be problems. Keep in mind that at night, chickens sleep upstairs and ducks and geese sleep on the first floor. So if you have mixed species, make sure the nests are not under the chickens' roost.



## HOW TO HANDLE WATER

Ducks and geese can tolerate a wet pen but chickens cannot. The three main ways of preventing ducks from wetting their pen (and all three are fine with chickens, too) is to:

- 1) Build a wire or plastic slat floor under their waterer so any spilled water cannot be accessed and there is no mud.
- 2) Use nipple waterers. Much less water is spilled and wasted.
- 3) Provide swimming water once a week – not every day and preferably over a wire or slat floor. Afterwards, dump the water far outside the pen where they cannot reach it.

## FEED

For adult birds you can use the same feed for chickens, ducks and geese. My only recommendation is to use crumbles or pellets, rather than mash for flocks with waterfowl as ducks and geese have more difficulty eating mash than chickens. If you are introducing chickens to your ducks and you are using a waterfowl feed, the chickens will be fine on the waterfowl feed.

## BROODING

Brooding ducklings with chicks together can be an issue. Typically ducks grow much faster than chickens. And goslings grow much faster than ducklings! The problem is not aggression but one of clumsiness and the chance of a chick being stepped on by a lumbering duckling or gosling. In addition, chicks are more susceptible to health issues in a wet pen than ducks – and keeping a pen dry is harder with ducks. So if you want both chickens and ducks, either raise them separately or give them plenty of space in the brooder with multiple heat lamps, feeders and waterers with frequent additions of dry litter.



## FINAL THOUGHTS

Whether you are a chicken fan looking to broaden your horizon or a duck enthusiast wondering about the other side, you can be comfortable in knowing you can have chickens and waterfowl together.



# GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

## PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL:

You must prepare a place for them that provides the protection and warmth they need. Usually this is in a barn, out-building or garage. It is best to clean and disinfect the pen prior to using it. Initially each baby duckling and gosling needs about 1/3 square foot of pen space and chicks need about ¼ square foot. Start with 2 inches of wood shavings (not sawdust as they may eat it) or straw for bedding. If they have had a rough journey and seem weak, check them every 30-60 minutes to give them another drink. Place the 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 Poultry Vitamin pack to the water.

One heat lamp can handle about 60 chicks, 40 ducklings or 20 goslings. The heat lamp is normally hung about 18" from the bedding where it should be 90-95 degrees at ground level. You can also use a metal brooder with 1/2" welded wire flooring. Whether you have them on bedding or a wire floor, there should be some type of solid wall or partition around them to prevent drafts. Make sure dogs, cats and rodents are kept out.

## THEY HAVE ARRIVED!

Normally the post office phones when your birds arrive and asks you to pick them up. When you get them home, it is very important you dip each bird's bill or beak in water to ensure they get their first drink. Make sure they tip their head back to drink. If they have had a rough journey and seem weak, we recommend you add ¼ cup sugar to each quart of their drinking water and check them every 30-60 minutes to give them another drink. If you do have a few that are weaker than the others, it is best to separate them until they regain their strength. 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 two hours. Make sure they can't get in the water and get chilled. If they are walking into their water, put a piece of 2x4 lumber under the waterer so they can drink but not walk into the water.

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. They 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 three weeks before going outside on a sunny day. Just make sure they are brought 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 - though they should still have some shelter from the sun and heavy rains. As adults, ducks and geese can handle cold temperatures much better than chickens or guineas. Oftentimes waterfowl prefer to be out in the snow rather than in a shelter.





Ducklings and goslings can be introduced to swimming water as early as one week of age but you must be careful. 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.

## 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. They cannot track it back to the bedding or make a mud puddle with it.

Unless you are absolutely certain there are no predators in your neighborhood (this is very rare) you must put your birds in a predator proof pen, with roof, at night. Chickens will automatically come in to roost and waterfowl can be trained – especially if they are given a treat when they come in each evening. Make it a habit and your birds will be much safer.



Scan for more nutritional information

NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS	WATERFOWL & CHICKENS				GUINEAS & PHEASANTS			
	Starter 0-2 wks.	Grower 3-8 wks.	Developer 9-20 wks.	Breeder	Starter 0-2 wks.	Grower 5-8 wks.	Finisher 9-17 wks.	Breeder
See our website for more details.								
Crude Protein %	20.00	16.00	13.00	16.00	28.00	24.00	18.00	15.0
Energy Kcal/kg	2750	2750	2625	2750	2800	2800	2400	2800
Linoleic Acid %	1.00	.90	.70	1.10	1.07	1.04	1.34	1.26
Avail. Phosphorous %	.45	.40	.40	.40	.55	.50	.45	.40
Calcium %	1.00	.90	.90	2.60	1.00	.85	.60	2.5
Niacin ppm	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.0

## MINIMUM SPACE REQUIREMENTS *Five Square Feet (2.5'x2') Minimum Brooder Pen Size for a Small Flock*

Square feet/bird	1-3 weeks	4-8 weeks	9-17 weeks	Breeders
Pheasant	.2	1.5	4.0	20.0
Duck	1.0	3.0	3.5	4.0
Geese	1.5	4.5	6.0	9.0
Guineas & Chickens	.5	1.5	1.8	2.2

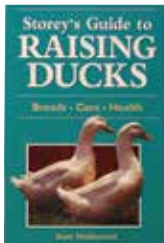


## MANY MORE BOOKS ON OUR WEBSITE



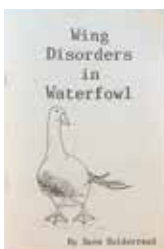
### DUCK EGGS DAILY – RAISING HAPPY, HEALTHY DUCKS... NATURALLY

This is a new book written by a long time, and very popular blogger, Lisa Steele. She has raised chickens and ducks and explains in this book why she loves, and often prefers her ducks over chickens. Excellent sections on food treats, edible herbs and weeds, duck behaviour and pools.  
143 pages



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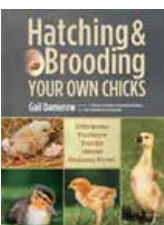
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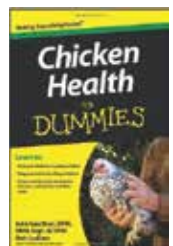
### HATCHING AND BROODING

We will forgive them for only having "Chicks" in its title as it covers all poultry and addresses the special incubation and brooding requirements of waterfowl. It is the best book I have seen on incubation and hatching for the hobbyist.  
239 pages



### THE ULTIMATE PET DUCK GUIDEBOOK

All the things you need to know before and after bringing home your feathered friend. Excellent health section. Proceeds benefit the Majestic Waterfowl Rescue.  
222 pages



### CHICKEN HEALTH FOR DUMMIES

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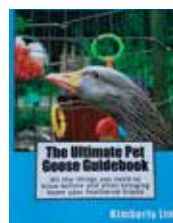
### SCARLETT'S JOURNEY

This is a charming children's book about a Runner duckling named Scarlett and her adventures growing up with her adopted mother and the family pets. Based on a true story.  
34 pages



### CHOOSING AND KEEPING DUCKS AND GEES

We found this book while on vacation in England. Every page has at least one beautiful and instructive color picture. Whether this is your first of fourth waterfowl book, you will find it very useful and enlightening.  
208 pages



### ULTIMATE PET GOOSE GUIDEBOOK

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Ethan - Carson City, MI*

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BLACK SWEDISH	S/R	8.85	6.25	4.84	-	-	-	-	GOLDEN 300	S/R	9.03	6.38	4.94	3.71	3.37	0.00	0.00
	M	6.77	4.58	3.59	-	-	-	-		M	6.89	4.68	3.66	2.79	2.54	2.29	2.19
	F	12.18	8.91	6.84	-	-	-	-		F	12.44	9.11	6.99	5.17	4.70	4.18	3.97
BLUE SWEDISH	S/R	8.85	6.25	4.84	-	-	-	-	WHITE LAYER	S/R	9.03	6.38	4.94	3.71	3.37	3.02	2.87
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	F	12.18	8.91	6.84	-	-	-	-		F	12.44	9.11	6.99	5.17	4.70	4.18	3.97
BUFF	S/R	8.85	6.25	4.84	-	-	-	-	KHAKEI CAMPBELL	S/R	8.68	6.11	4.73	3.56	3.24	2.90	2.76
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CAYUGA	S/R	8.85	6.25	4.84	-	-	-	-	Page 7		1-29	30-124	125-299	300-749	750-1199	1200-1999	2000
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	M	6.77	4.58	3.59	2.74	2.49	2.25	2.15		M	9.24	6.56	5.07	3.80	3.45	3.09	2.94
	F	12.18	8.91	6.84	5.06	4.60	4.09	3.88		F	10.70	7.73	5.95	4.43	4.03	3.59	3.41
MIXED	S/R	7.36	5.05	3.94	2.99	2.72	2.45	2.34	DUCLAIR	S/R	9.27	6.58	5.09	3.81	-	-	-
	M	5.73	3.75	2.96	2.29	2.08	1.89	1.82		M	10.37	7.46	5.75	4.28	-	-	-
	F	9.97	7.14	5.51	4.11	3.74	3.34	3.18		F	12.06	8.81	6.76	5.01	-	-	-
ROUEN	S/R	8.62	6.06	4.70	-	-	-	-	JUMBO PEKIN	S/R	9.90	7.09	5.47	4.08	3.71	3.31	3.16
	M	6.61	4.45	3.49	-	-	-	-		M	11.10	8.05	6.19	4.60	4.18	3.72	3.54
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FAWN & WHITE RUNNERS	S/R	9.15	6.49	-	-	-	-	-	PEARL GUINEA	S/R	7.56	6.12	5.48	4.32	3.61	3.32	
	M	6.98	4.75	-	-	-	-	-									
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SILVER APPELYARD	S/R	11.84	8.64	-	-	-	-	-									
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	F	16.61	12.45	-	-	-	-	-									
WELSH HARLEQUIN	S/R	10.40	7.48	-	-	-	-	-									
	M	7.85	5.45	-	-	-	-	-									
	F	14.47	10.74	-	-	-	-	-									
WHITE CRESTED	S/R	10.29	7.40	-	-	-	-	-									
	M	7.78	5.39	-	-	-	-	-									
	F	14.31	10.61	-	-	-	-	-									

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AFRICAN	S/R	16.22	13.07	11.57	10.93	SUPER AFRICAN	S/R	38.53	-	-	-	-	-
	M	12.98	10.15	8.98	8.49		M	29.71	-	-	-	-	-
	F	25.94	21.82	19.35	18.22		F	64.98	-	-	-	-	-
BUFF GEESE	S/R	23.36	19.50	17.29	16.28	TOULOUSE	S/R	17.46	14.19	12.57	11.86	-	-
	M	18.33	14.97	13.26	12.51		M	13.91	11.00	9.73	9.20	-	-
	F	38.44	33.07	29.35	27.59		F	28.13	23.79	21.10	19.86	-	-
BUFF TOULOUSE	S/R	31.50	26.82	-	-	TUFTED BUFF	S/R	25.91	21.79	-	-	-	-
	M	24.44	20.47	-	-		M	20.24	16.69	-	-	-	-
	F	52.68	45.89	-	-		F	42.90	37.09	-	-	-	-
BROWN CHINESE	S/R	20.08	16.54	14.66	13.82	TUFTED TOULOUSE	S/R	23.72	19.82	-	-	-	-
	M	15.87	12.76	11.30	10.67		M	18.60	15.22	-	-	-	-
	F	32.70	27.90	24.76	23.29		F	39.08	33.64	-	-	-	-
CLASSIC ROMAN	S/R	22.93	19.11	-	-	WHITE CHINESE	S/R	15.93	12.81	11.34	10.71	-	-
	M	18.01	14.69	-	-		M	12.76	9.96	8.81	8.33	-	-
	F	37.69	32.40	-	-		F	25.43	21.36	18.95	17.84	-	-
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MIX GEESE	S/R	14.76	11.76	10.41	9.83								
	M	11.88	9.17	8.10	7.67								
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PILGRIM	S/R	24.82	20.81	-	-								
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ROMAN TUFTED	S/R	22.63	18.84	-	-								
	M	17.78	14.48	-	-								
	F	37.16	31.92	-	-								
SEBASTOPOL	S/R	80.95	-	-	-								
	M	61.52	-	-	-								
	F	139.22	-	-	-								

*Just an update to let you know my little ducks arrive in great shape and are doing well. This made my granddaughters day and she has been the mommy figure to these little guys and gals since their arrival. Very happy with the purchase.*

Mark - Salmon, ID