

# 2017 Holderread Waterfowl Farm 2017 & Preservation Center

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**No drop-in visits, Please • Closed Sundays**

**IMPORTANT:** If you phone, keep in mind that this is a working farm. We are not able to engage in long conversations, especially during the hatching season when we work 16 to 20 hour days. We are on an extremely tight schedule April thru May—so if you need to contact us on Mondays or Tuesdays, plan to leave a message on our answering machine or e-mail us at [duckgoosefarm@gmail.com](mailto:duckgoosefarm@gmail.com).

## **Greetings Waterfowl Friends,**

We specialize in purebred ducks and geese that possess superb production and exhibition qualities. Only robust birds are shipped and each order is prepared with tender loving care. During the past five decades, we've served satisfied customers throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Latin America and Europe. Over the years, we have invested considerable time and money acquiring the best stock obtainable in Europe, Canada and the United States. Today, our ducks and geese are sought by breeders and hobbyists from around the world to improve the quality of their flocks.

International poultry specialist Hans Schippers of the Netherlands has traveled the globe collecting material for articles and books. Hans has visited our farm twice and stated that we have one of the two best collections of domestic waterfowl in the world.

People frequently tell us that our ducks and geese are the most robust they've seen. We attribute this exceptional vigor to the meticulous selection of our breeding stock, Dave's special feed formulas that closely duplicate the natural diets of wild waterfowl, and our grassy pens where our web-footed friends delight in fresh air and exercise.

Waterfowl are exceptionally hardy and resistant to inclement weather and many diseases. They are also excellent foragers. When succulent grass is plentiful, geese can get by on a minimum of supplemental feed. Ducks relish slugs, snails, grasshoppers, mosquito larvae, Japanese beetles and many other insects, and do a wonderful job reducing these pests around homesteads and farms. Ducks are the most effective control available of liver flukes in livestock.

Because we are a preservation center, several strains are kept in each breed to safeguard against inbreeding. Offspring size often varies between strains, so you will typically notice some variation in the size of the babies you receive. Within a breed, there is usually no correlation between day-old and mature size.

When given the proper care, birds from our stock should produce at rates similar to those described herein. The enclosed production information is based on our flock records and reports from customers. Keep in mind that management and environment strongly influence the age birds begin laying, rate and duration of lay, egg size and body weight. For complete information on raising your birds we highly recommend **Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks and The Book of Geese**, both written by Dave. (See page 15.)

Along with producing world-class waterfowl, we strive to give prompt service. Once we have fertile eggs in the incubator, your order will be verified with a notice giving the planned shipping dates. Please keep in mind that shipping dates must occasionally be changed.

Newly-hatched ducklings and goslings ship well since they naturally do not eat for the first 2 to 3 days. You can expect your babies to reach you within 12 to 48 hours after hatching. Our desire is to preserve wonderful old heritage breeds and provide flock owners with high-quality stock. And we hope that you, too, will enjoy the beauty and playful antics of these entertaining webfeet.

*DAVE & Millie*

## Tips on Selecting Your Waterfowl

**EGGS:** If efficient egg production is your main goal, Welsh Harlequins, Golden Cascades, and Hook Bills from our superior strains should be given top priority.

**EGGS & MEAT:** If you want ducks that combine good egg production and large meat birds of gourmet quality, we recommend our Saxonomies and Appleyards.

**POND CLEAN-UP AND PEST CONTROL:** All ducks help control bug, slug and snail pests in gardens, and algae slime and duck weed in ponds. The best foragers are Hook Bills, Harlequins and Cascades.

**WEEDER GEESE:** All breeds are used successfully to control grasses and some broad-leaves. If soil compaction is an issue, avoid the heaviest breeds.

**GEESE IN GENERAL:** Choose the breed you're most attracted to. After raising all breeds over the last half century, we've found that in most cases personality and temperament depend more on the individual bird and its environment than on the breed. To reduce the likelihood of aggressive behavior, we work calmly around geese of all ages and never feed them from the hand after they are a couple weeks of age.

**EXHIBITION:** For showing, order Show Quality day-olds or adults out of our special exhibition matings. Birds from our stock are winning major awards in Canada, Europe and the U.S., including Reserve Bird In Show at the 2005 Joint APA-ABA National with 2800 entries and Best In Show at the 2006 Joint National with 11,640 entries. Remember, not all offspring from even the best stock develop into show specimens. A good rule of thumb is to raise 2 to 3 young for every show bird desired.

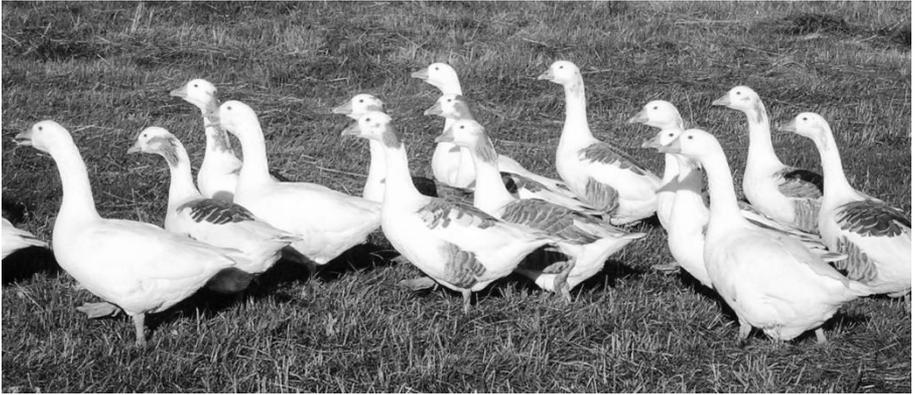
### *Dave's Observations*

- People who excel at raising poultry (or any animal) have three traits: they (1) are keen observers; (2) learn to see the world through the unique eyes of the species they raise; (3) provide their stock with an environment that fosters physical and mental health.
- Poultry of all species will lay to their genetic potential only if they: (1) feel safe; (2) are kept calm day and night; (3) consume a species-specific diet that supplies all the essential nutrients in adequate quantities.
- Most purebred geese are not physiologically mature until 2 years of age. Any goslings produced the first year can be considered bonus babies.
- When I was a teenager, Frank Brahman, a talented poultry breeder and judge, became a treasured mentor. He would say, "David, always remember it costs not a penny more to feed and care for superior stock than for lesser stock." Frank was right.

## The Waterfowl Preservation Center

During the past 75 years, numerous varieties of domestic plants and animals have been lost to extinction. A growing number of people are becoming aware of the possible grave consequences of losing genetic diversity. In an effort to increase their chances of survival, we have established a preservation center where many endangered varieties of ducks and geese are being carefully bred. The future of heritage breeds is improved with each additional person who raises them. If you decide to breed one or more of these, you'll enjoy their practical and aesthetic qualities plus be rewarded with the satisfaction of knowing that you are improving their chances of survival. For information on helping to preserve rare breeds, send \$1 for the **Rare Breed Survival Bulletin**. We also recommend membership in The Livestock Conservancy, (\$45/yr.; \$25-online for students), P.O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC, 27312. [www.livestockconservancy.org](http://www.livestockconservancy.org).

# Geese



*A Flock of Our Shetland Geese*

## **Shetland (Sold only as adults)**

We have beautiful flocks of the extremely rare Shetland geese, thanks to Cabbage Hill Farm in New York, who imported them from Scotland in 1997. Like most traditional livestock breeds from these rugged North Atlantic islands, Shetlands are diminutive in size, hardy, excellent foragers and attentive parents. Primary physical characteristics include: gender specific plumage (ganders are white, often with a few grayish feathers, whereas geese have the gray saddleback pattern with more or less white in the head and neck); relatively short bills, roundish heads, small bodies that are well-muscled, and mature weights of only 9 to 12 pounds. The feet are pink and the bills are pink with more or less yellow shading. These friendly, colorful little geese have captured our hearts and we are delighted to be able to help bring them back from the brink of extinction.

## **Oregon Mini Geese (Sold only as adults)**

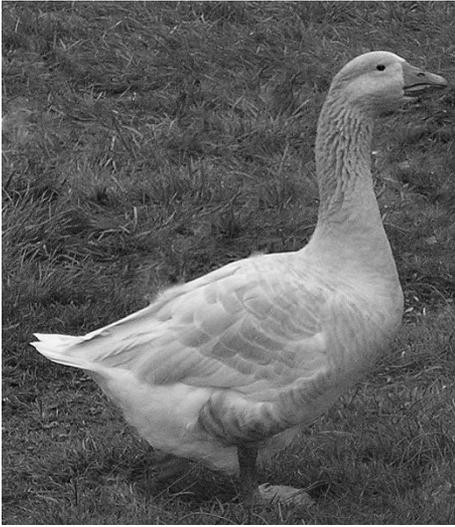


*7-pound Oregon Mini gander (left)  
23-pound Brown African gander (right)*

Oregon Minis were developed here at HWF&PC and are the smallest domestic true geese we know of. When in good condition (but not fat) typical weights are 6-8 pounds. We consider small stature more important than weight because weight can vary by 50% depending on time of year, diet and level of exercise. Our selection emphasis is on hardiness, conformation and sustainable small size; color is of secondary consideration. We are breeding them in 3 varieties that have gender specific (dimorphic) plumage color (Pilgrim, Belted and Saddleback) and 6 non-dimorphic varieties (White, Gray, Blue, Splashed, Belted and Saddleback). Extremely quick to mature, goslings feather out at a younger age than larger breeds. When fully mature, females usually lay 6 to 10

eggs prior to commencing incubation. Most are excellent natural parents if protected from predators.

## **American Blue & Lavender Ice (Best availability for goslings: April to mid-May)**



These two handsome varieties of the American goose are the fruit of Dave's 20-year investigation of the genetic intricacies of blue color in domestic geese. The plumage of the Blue is a pretty bluish-gray; the Lavender Ice is an exquisite silver-lavender. Bills are orange and the eyes are brown. Matings consisting of two Blues or Blue x Lavender typically produce offspring of both colors. Lavender x Lavender results in Lavender young. Genetically, these colors are not related to the blue plumage found in chickens and ducks. These geese have the same solid conformation as the American Buff, and typically weigh 12-18 pounds. Most females lay 30-45 eggs in the spring breeding season if eggs are gathered daily. When allowed to set, they make excellent natural parents. The goslings are hardy, fast-growing and superb foragers. With their unique colors and many practical attributes,

### ***Ideal American Lavender Ice Gander***

they make a superior medium to medium-large goose for the homestead or yard. For market geese, the Lavender Ice dress off nearly as cleanly as white birds.

## **Giant White Embden (Best availability for goslings: late April to mid-May)**

With their white plumage, giant size, alertness and agility, our authentic Embdens make outstanding show birds, can greatly reduce losses of smaller poultry species to land and winged predators, and when processed at 18-24 weeks of age, provide jumbo roast goose for festive occasions. Using stock imported from Germany, British breeders developed the Embden as a large meat goose in the early 1800's. The snow-white plumage of the adults contrasts beautifully with their orange bills and blue eyes. (It is normal for first year birds - especially females - to have some gray in their plumage.) Upon seeing our Embdens, leading waterfowl judges and breeders from the U.S., Canada and Europe have stated that ours were among the best they have seen anywhere. These authentic Embdens are very tall and large (three-year-old ganders often stand 38 to 44 inches high and weigh 30-40 pounds when fed for maximum weight), and have wonderfully clean underlines. Our customers are winning top awards in Europe, Canada and the U.S., including Champion Goose at the 1999 APA National and Reserve Champion Goose at the 2010 APA National.



***White Embden female  
"Mountain Mama"  
27 lbs, 10 oz of elegance  
Reserve Champion Goose,  
1995 Western Waterfowl Expo***

## **Giant Gray Dewlap Toulouse (Best availability for goslings: April -May)**



*One of our Champion  
Toulouse Females*

The Dewlap Toulouse descends from ancient French stock and is prized for its massive body, huge head, large throat dewlap, and calm nature. The keel and dewlap continue enlarging throughout the life of the bird, and full body size is not reached until 3 to 5 years of age. When fed for maximum weight, some ganders from our stock will top 30 pounds. Because Toulouse do not tolerate inbreeding, we maintain 9 pedigreed families to insure the most vigorous and productive stock possible. Toulouse from our breeding are winning top awards at leading shows, including five Champion or Reserve Goose awards at the Ohio National and Grand Champion Goose at the 2009 IWBA National.

## **Giant Brown Dewlap African (Best gosling availability: mid-April to mid-May)**

The majestic African is the Clydesdale of the goose clan - combining high stepping elegance with massive size. They originated in China centuries ago where they are called "Lion Heads" due to their king-sized heads and dewlaps. Africans are elegantly colored similar to Brown Chinese. Africans grow amazingly fast and produce gourmet quality meat. We've had young males weigh up to 20 pounds at 14 weeks. At maturity, our ganders typically weigh 22 to 28 pounds. For the past three decades, our pedigree breeding program has produced Africans that have won at an unprecedented level at the largest shows in North America and in Europe. The last 24 times we exhibited them, they won: 32 Champion and/or Reserve Heavy Goose; 24 Champion or Reserve Goose; 16 Champion or Reserve Waterfowl; 6 Best or Reserve Bird In Show awards. A few examples of wins by customers include: Grand Champion Goose at the 2003 Minnesota State Poultry Assn. Show; Best Bird In Show at the 2003 Mid-West All Waterfowl Show; Reserve Bird In Show at the Joint 2005 ABA and APA National; Best Bird In Show at the Joint 2006 ABA and APA National (with 11,640 birds entered).

## **Giant Buff Dewlap African (Best availability for goslings: mid-April to mid-May)**

This magnificent member of the African goose family has lovely buff plumage that is accented by a rich burnt-orange neck stripe. In size, conformation and growth rate, the Buffs are identical to our world-class Brown Africans. We originated the Buffs in the 1980s, and introduced them at the 1991 APA National. We sent breeding stock to Great Britain and they were officially recognized in the 1999 British Waterfowl Standards. The Buffs are highly decorative, and make regal geese for the yard, pond or show.

**Please Note:** When waterfowl are fed for maximum weight, the chances of leg and wing problems are greatly increased. Also, overly fat waterfowl reproduce poorly if at all. For instructions on how to minimize leg, wing and reproduction problems, order **Wing Disorders in Waterfowl**, \$7.00 postpaid (see page 14).

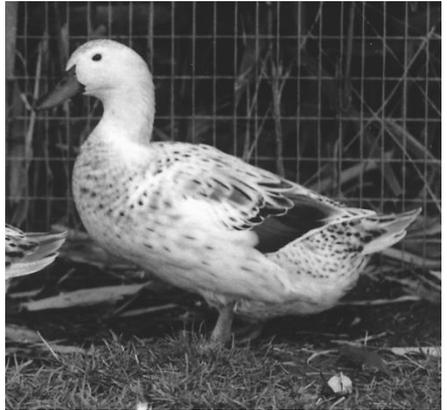
# Ducks

## Dutch Hook Bill

A fascinating breed that has been traced to the 1600's, Hook Bills traditionally were raised in large numbers for meat and eggs in parts of Europe, especially along the canals of Holland where they foraged for much of their food during the day, returning home in the evening. Hook Bills were barely saved from extinction in the aftermath of the World Wars. We imported stock from England in 2000 and our breeding priority has been to maintain their practical qualities. The original imports and their descendants have typically weighed 3.5-5 pounds, laid 150-225 blue/green (occasionally white) shelled eggs per year and produced gourmet quality meat. They are outstanding foragers and surprisingly tame. Their unique bills and sleek bodies give them an appearance unlike other ducks. The two main varieties are Dusky (drakes have eye-catching blue bills, green heads and gray bodies; ducks are a uniform dark mallard color) and White-Bibbed Dusky. We have saved the occasional unusual colored hatchlings and now have a few White, Aleutian, Gold Aleutian, Gray, Golden, Trout, Snowy, and Brown Hook Bills. Nicknamed "Toucan Duck", they have become a favorite here at the Preservation Center. We recommend them for their practical qualities and their unique appearance.



*Dutch Hook Bill Drake*



*Welsh Harlequin Female*

## Welsh Harlequin (We have both the Gold and Silver varieties.)

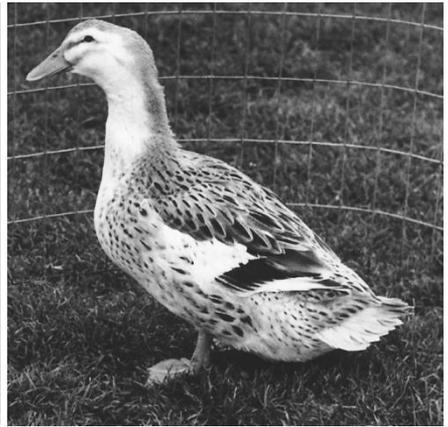
The brilliantly colored Welsh Harlequin was originated by Leslie Bonnet of Wales from color sports produced by his Khaki Campbells in 1949. Our authentic Harlequins lay as well as the best Campbells and are descendants of stock imported directly from Mr. Bonnet by Jack Fugate in 1968. Compared to Khaki Campbells, these world-class Harlequins have longer bodies, weigh approximately ½ to 1 pound more, produce larger eggs and have a somewhat calmer temperament. Mature live weights typically are 5 to 6 pounds, with dressed weights of 3.25 to 3.75 pounds at 7 to 9 weeks of age. Annual production has been 260 to 350 mostly white eggs weighing 30 to 36 ounces per dozen. Harlequins are excellent foragers, highly ornamental and fine show birds. In color, drakes resemble glorified Mallards that have been enhanced by an artist. The intricate plumage pattern of females can vary noticeably from season to season, but in general is cream with more or less fawn, burnt orange, brown and/or gray highlights. Both genders have dazzling electric blue (Silvers) or greenish-bronze (Golds) wing speculums. We consider our strain of Harlequins to be one of the very best birds if efficient egg production is a primary goal. Upon Mr. Fugate's request, we made Harlequins available to the public in 1984. Dave wrote the American Poultry Association breed Standard and they were officially recognized by the APA in 2001.

## Saxony

Our all-time favorite heavy duck breed, the Saxony, was developed by Albert Franz of Germany in the early 1930's. A splendid triple-duty breed, the Saxony is esteemed for its enchantingly beautiful pastel colored plumage, the production of medium-large gourmet roasting ducks that have less fat than most Pekins, and extra-large eggs of exceptional quality. Typical mature body weights range between 7 to 10 pounds. Annual production has been 190 to 280 white eggs weighing 36 to 46 ounces per dozen. Some females have good incubation instincts and will hatch eggs if allowed to set. (Keep in mind that when a bird is allowed to incubate eggs, her annual egg production is reduced.) In addition to their practical and ornamental qualities, our Saxony are easily tamed and make fine show birds for both novice and experienced exhibitors. Drakes have a powder-blue head, white neck ring, chestnut-burgundy breast and cream-colored underbody. Ducks are a delightful apricot buff with creamy white facial stripes and throats. We introduced Saxony to North America in 1984 and continue to be their leading breeder on this side of the "pond". Dave wrote the APA breed Standard and they were officially recognized by the American Poultry Association in 2000.



*Champion Saxony Female*



*Ideal Silver Appleyard Female*

## Silver Appleyard

This big, colorful, and easily tamed duck was developed by British waterfowl breeder, Reginald Appleyard in the 1930's. Silver Appleyards are a true triple-duty breed, combining excellent egg-laying ability, gourmet quality meat that has less fat than most Pekins, and splendid ornamental plumage. Typical mature body weights range between 7 to 10 pounds. This is one of the best laying large breeds we have found, with annual production being 200 to 270 white eggs weighing 30 to 44 ounces per dozen. Some females have good incubation instincts and will hatch eggs if allowed to set in a safe environment. (Keep in mind that when a bird is allowed to incubate eggs, her annual egg production is reduced.) The plumage colors and pattern of Appleyards resemble Mallards that are frosted with white. Drakes in nuptial plumage have iridescent green heads, ideally with silvery-white flecking on the throat, cheeks, and faint facial stripes above and below the eyes. Both genders have brilliant blue wing speculums. Appleyards barely survived the aftermath of World War II, and although they are currently gaining ground in England and America, their numbers are still dangerously low worldwide. We first made them available to the North American public in 1984. Dave wrote the American Poultry Association breed Standard and they were officially recognized by the APA in 1998.

## Golden Cascade (Back again after a long absence)

In a nutshell, Cascades are an elite all-around duck for the backyard or farm flock. They are calm, excellent layers, fine medium-sized meat birds (6-8 pounds live weight), good foragers and adaptable to hot and cold climates.

The idea for the Golden Cascade came to us in the late 1970s. We received encouraging reports from agriculture development workers around the world describing how well ducks thrived and produced in their projects to help impoverished people have better diets and economic stability. Several agriculturists commented that it would be a big help if there was a breed that could be mated to the local indigenous ducks to produce offspring with improved production traits and whose gender could be identified easily at hatching time. We embarked upon a breeding program in 1979 to produce a multi-purpose duck with high egg production, efficient meat production, calm disposition, excellent foraging ability, and a unique plumage color genotype that would yield hatchlings that would be color-coded by gender when drakes from the new breed were mated to females of virtually any other breed. In 1984 we introduced the Golden Cascade and they performed splendidly.



*Authentic Golden Cascade Female*

Millie named them for the color of the day-olds and the dominant mountain range in Oregon. Ducklings have the typical mallard pattern, but the colors are fawn-buff or brown with golden highlights. At maturity, males have the mallard pattern, but with brownish heads with more-or-less satin green sheen, white neck ring, chestnut chest and cream or tannish underbody. Overall, females are fawn or buff, with most feathers penciled or center-marked with brown and have noticeable facial stripes. Wing speculums in both sexes are satin-green or brown.

.As time passed, we reluctantly dispersed the Cascades to free up breeding pens as we added older breeds to our preservation program. Folks who continued breeding the Cascade report that egg production has remained exceptionally high. However, we observed a significant change in the breed—the plumage genotype has drifted and become variable, making them less useful for the production of color-coded ducklings. In 2012, we added Cascades to our preservation program and began restoring them to their original form. In 2016 we have a half-dozen pedigreed matings from which we are offering ducklings. Their offspring will be quick growing and superb layers. Though they still have variable plumage color, these are tremendously hardy, productive ducks that can lay 235-300 eggs per year.

**Note:** Due to the high quality of our breeding stock, we produce more prize winning ducks and geese than any other waterfowl farm in North America. And every time you purchase stock from us, you are helping support our ongoing work in preserving the many heritage breeds we work with. **Thank you for your support!**

# Bantam Ducks

Bantams are the miniatures of the duck world. The strains we raise are highly decorative, friendly, good natural mothers, and outstanding show birds. They are wonderful foragers capable of greatly reducing mosquitoes, insect larva and small-to-medium-sized snails and slugs from yards, pastures, barnyards & waterways. In situations where larger ducks would trample delicate plants, these breeds can be a gardener's best friend. Except where noted, they can fly--but if desired, can be easily kept grounded by the painless procedure of clipping 8-10 primary flight feathers of one wing once yearly. Color photos can be seen in the Photo Gallery on our website ([www.holderreadfarm.com](http://www.holderreadfarm.com)).

## Call (Sold only as adults)

Calls are the smallest and most talkative of all domestic duck breeds. Originally developed for use as live decoys, today this tiny, toy-like duck is raised primarily for pets, decoration and exhibition. Typical weights for show birds are 16-26 ounces. They have short bills, necks and legs; round heads and plump bodies. (Due to the shortness of their legs, they do not travel as freely as other breeds over rough ground or through tall grass.) Females typically lay 15-50 cream or pale blue eggs/year weighing 14-18 oz/dozen. We are concentrating on breeding programs for Spotted, Chestnut and Snowy Calls, although we still have a few other colors.



*Spots Call Female*

## Silkie (Sold only as adults)

These extremely rare little ducks have soft lacy plumage similar to Silkie doves. They were first bred by Darrel Sheraw of PA. Due to the nature of their feathers, most Silkies cannot fly. Typically they weigh between 30-38 ounces at maturity. We are breeding them in many colors, including Gray, Pastel, Blue Fawn, Butterscotch, Snowy, Black, White and Splash. Females are capable of laying 50-125/year cream, blue, gray or black eggs weighing 20-26 oz/dozen. We have found them to be surprisingly hardy and adaptable to Western Oregon's long, cold, wet winters. We enclose them in well-bedded housing at night, but they are allowed to range outside during the day, even in winter.



*Gray Silkie Drake*

**Sources for discontinued bantam breeds:** Australian Spotted, East Indies, Miniature Silver Appleyards, and Calls in White, Gray, Pastel, Blue Fawn and Butterscotch--Most of our breeding stock in these breeds and varieties were acquired by Duck Creek Farm (website: [www.duckcreekfarm.com](http://www.duckcreekfarm.com)) For Mini Silver Appleyards in Canada, contact Ian Hodges at [hodgesfarm@yourlink.ca](mailto:hodgesfarm@yourlink.ca).

**Indian Runners in Canada:** Several Canadian breeders are continuing our lines of Runners. Colin Davis in Ontario has many varieties and can be contacted at [info@apricotvalleywaterfowl.com](mailto:info@apricotvalleywaterfowl.com). Ian Hodges in Saskatchewan has Whites and can be contacted at [hodgesfarm@yourlink.ca](mailto:hodgesfarm@yourlink.ca).

# Special Duckling & Gosling Assortments

**PLEASE NOTE:** On hatch day, after orders for specified breeds are filled, the assortments are put together in the sequence listed below. The specific varieties included in these assortments are **OUR CHOICE**, within the parameters outlined.

## **Exhibition Duckling Assortment**

An outstanding selection of APA recognized varieties from our TSQ matings.

## **Fancy Duckling Assortment**

A beautiful collection in a wide array of colors; may include any breed we raise.

## **Bargain Duckling Assortment**

Includes vigorous ducklings remaining after all other orders are made up.

## **Exhibition Gosling Assortment**

May include any APA recognized breed from our Top Show Quality matings.

## **Show Quality Gosling Assortment**

Goslings from TSQ matings—both APA recognized and non-APA varieties.

## **Fancy Gosling Assortment**

A delightful collection that may include any goose breed we raise.



*Silver Appleyard Hatchlings*

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## Minimum Show Age for Ducks & Geese

Folks frequently ask “What is the youngest age ducks and geese can be shown?” Because there are so many variables involved—such as breed, diet and environment—there is not a simple answer to this query. Keep in mind that purebred ducks and geese grow faster than their chicken counterparts, and therefore waterfowl can be shown successfully at an earlier age than landfowl.

As a rule of thumb, when young waterfowl are fully feathered, they are sufficiently mature to be shown. The way we manage the young birds here at Holderread Waterfowl Farm, our ducklings are feathered out by 8 to 10 weeks of age, and goslings by 8 to 12 weeks of age.

Although we normally did not show young birds at such an early age, at American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association sanctioned shows with good competition, we once won Grand Champion Waterfowl on a 9-week-old duck, and another time Grand Champion Duck on a 10-week-old duck. In both cases, these winners were of excellent quality, in beautiful feather condition and trained to be comfortable in a show cage.

Most, if not all, open shows in North America do not have minimum age requirements for young bird exhibits. However, some youth, 4H and FFA shows do have minimum age or length-of-ownership requirements. If pertinent, this information will need to be obtained from your local organization.

### ***Rare Pure Puerto Rican Paso Fino Horses***

Since moving to our current location in 1983, horses and llamas have been our first line of defense against large predators, including stray dogs, coyotes, bobcats and cougars. During our 2013 hatching season, we learned that North America's largest herd of Pure Puerto Rican Paso Finos was being dispersed. Dave was familiar with relatives of these horses when he lived in Puerto Rico in the 1950s and 1970s. These exceptionally hardy, smooth-gaited genetic treasures are descendants of horses brought to the Caribbean by early Spanish explorers. To help prevent all these horses from being scattered and “lost”, a number of stallions and mares were selected so the breeding lines could be continued. Our selection was based on rarity of the bloodlines, exceptional temperament and sound confirmation.

Pure Puerto Rican Paso Finos are versatile and are being used for many activities—including trail riding, Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, livestock herding, dressage, Spanish Dancing, horse soccer and gaming.

Horses fit in well with waterfowl. By practicing pasture rotation, parasites are reduced for all species involved and the quality of the pastures is improved. Over the years we have found that people who learn to work well with horses are exceptionally gifted at working with poultry and other species of farm animals. Want to learn more about these horses? Visit our website: [www.bluebirdpasofinos.com](http://www.bluebirdpasofinos.com).



***Zorro***  
***our exquisite 14.3hh chestnut stallion***  
***has a phenomenal temperament,***  
***wonderful confirmation and a***  
***marvelously smooth 4-beat gait***

# 2017 Duckling and Gosling Price List

Minimum shipped orders are 10 ducklings or 4 goslings

DUCKLINGS (Straight Run)	1-20 Each	22-30 Each	32-50 Each	*Top Show Quality	
				Each	Each
<b>Cascades:</b> assorted colors .....	\$4.80	\$4.50	\$4.40	\$9.00	
<b>Cascades, Golden</b> .....	5.50	5.20	—	9.00	
<b>Dutch Hook Bills:</b> assorted colors.	6.50	6.00	5.70	9.50	
<b>+Saxony</b> .....	5.70	5.50	5.20	9.50	
<b>+Silver Appleyard (large)</b> .....	5.70	5.50	5.20	9.50	
<b>**White Appleyard (large)</b> .....	4.50	—	—	—	
<b>+Welsh Harlequin</b> .....					
<b>Assorted Silver and Gold</b> .....	5.00	4.70	4.50	9.00	
<b>Gold (Original Variety)</b> .....	6.20	6.00	—	9.50	
<b>+Silver</b> .....	6.20	6.00	5.75	9.50	
<b>Bargain Duckling Assortment</b> .....	3.50	3.25	3.10	—	
<b>Fancy Duckling Assortment</b> .....	4.00	3.75	3.60	—	
<b>+Exhibition Duckling Assortment...</b>	6.50	6.25	6.00	6.50	

GOSLINGS	Each (Straight-Run)	Pairs (M/F)	*Top Show Quality	
			Each	Pairs
<b>American:</b> assorted colors.....	\$35.00	\$95.00	\$40.00	\$105.00
<b>American Blue</b> .....	40.00	105.00	50.00	125.00
<b>American Lavender Ice</b> .....	40.00	105.00	50.00	125.00
<b>+Brown Giant Dewlap African</b> .....	Top Show Quality Only		60.00	150.00
<b>Buff Giant Dewlap African</b> .....	Top Show Quality Only		75.00	175.00
<b>+Giant White Embden</b> .....	Top Show Quality Only		55.00	140.00
<b>+Giant Dewlap Gray Toulouse</b> .....	Top Show Quality Only		95.00	250.00
<b>+Exhibition Gosling Assortment.....</b>	(TSQ APA recognized)		35.00	95.00
<b>Show Quality Gosling Assortment</b>	(TSQ APA and non –APA)		22.00	69.00
<b>Fancy Gosling Assortment.....</b>	15.00			

\*Top Show Quality Ducklings and Goslings are out of our special exhibition matings. A good rule of thumb is to raise 2 to 3 babies for each adult show bird wanted.

\*\*Due to the Silver Appleyard's genotype, it is common for them to produce some solid white offspring. The White Appleyard has identical physical and productive qualities as the Silver and is useful when a pure white duck is desired.

+American Poultry Association (APA) recognized breeds/varieties.

Generation after generation we have been able to maintain or improve the world-class quality of our stock by selecting the top 10% of birds to use in our breeding yards. Many of our TSQ matings consist of the top 1%.

## DUCKLING & GOSLING SHIPPING CHARGES

Use the following chart to find the postage charges (which include insurance) and add that amount to your order. **You can choose either Priority Mail or Express Mail.** Your zone number is on the Order Form, page 19.

Content of Box	Shipping Via	Zones 1,2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
10-15 ducklings	Priority	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$26.00
	Express	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$37.00	\$41.00	\$45.00	\$47.00	\$49.00
16-20 ducklings or 4 goslings	Priority	15.00	18.00	20.00	23.00	25.00	27.00	29.00
	Express	29.00	34.00	41.00	50.00	52.00	54.00	56.00
21-25 ducklings or 5-6 goslings	Priority	20.00	22.00	25.00	30.00	31.00	33.00	36.00
	Express	35.00	44.00	54.00	62.00	65.00	67.00	69.00
26-30 ducklings or 7-8 goslings	Priority	22.00	26.00	29.00	36.00	36.00	41.00	45.00
	Express	39.00	48.00	61.00	68.00	70.00	74.00	76.00
31-35 ducklings or 9-10 goslings	Priority	23.00	28.00	31.00	36.00	39.00	43.00	48.00
	Express	44.00	50.00	66.00	73.00	87.00	78.00	86.00
36-60 ducklings	Priority	25.00	31.00	40.00	48.00	53.00	56.00	65.00
	Express	49.00	61.00	91.00	104.00	108.00	113.00	116.00



**White Hook Bill Drake**

## Recommended Reading

Noted waterfowl breeder, researcher and historian Dave Holderread shares his experience and knowledge in these publications. Over the past five decades, Dave has worked with all recognized breeds of ducks and geese and is the first person to have studied the inheritance of all their plumage colors and patterns. His informative, easy-to-understand writings are used by commercial producers, small flock owners, agriculture development workers and researchers around the world.

### Breed Bulletins

For the rare varieties, these publications represent some of the most comprehensive information available. Each bulletin covers breed history, production records, color of day-olds, proper conformation and color of adults, common faults, selecting breeding stock and suggestions for a successful breeding program. Postpaid prices are \$2.50 each, 5 for \$10.00, 10 for \$16.00, 15 for \$20.00 or all 25 currently available for \$30.00. Email or call for current USPS rates for any international orders.

#1 Blue Cayuga Ducks

#2 Ancona Ducks

#3 Welsh Harlequin Ducks

#4 Silver Appleyard Ducks

#5 Golden Mallard Ducks

#6 French Rouen Ducks

#7 Golden Cascade Ducks

#8 White Campbell Ducks

#9 Dark Campbell Ducks

#10 Pied Campbell Ducks

#11 Khaki Campbell Ducks

#12 Black Cayuga Ducks

#13 Magpie Ducks

#14 Saxony Ducks

#15 Indian Runner Ducks

#16 Rare Runner Ducks

#17 Gray Mallard Ducks

#18 Aztec Bantam Ducks

#19 Australian Spotted Ducks

#20 Blue Pearl & Porcelain Mallard Ducks

#21 Silkie Ducks

#23 African Geese

#24 American Buff Geese

#25 Pilgrim Geese

#26 Chinese Geese

### Managing Ducks For Top Egg Production

In a clear, concise manner, this bulletin outlines tried and tested methods for getting top egg production from laying ducks. Covers selecting laying stock, feeding, watering, housing, lighting, culling non-layers, molting, cleaning and storing eggs, raising your own duck feed and much more. Postpaid price is \$7.00.

### Wing Disorders in Waterfowl—Causes, Remedies and Prevention

Wing deformities are the most common disfiguring problem in waterfowl. For 20 years, Dave Holderread has studied the correlation between genetics, nutrition, environment and wing problems in all recognized breeds of ducks and geese. Reporting the findings of his research, this bulletin gives detailed guidelines on preventions and cures that every waterfowl raiser will find useful. Postpaid price is \$7.00.

#### **We are honored to have received the following recognition:**

American Poultry Association **Master Exhibitor** #101.

APA **Grand Master Exhibitor** for Chinese, Africans, Runners and Cayugas.

International Waterfowl Breeders Association 1993 **Waterfowl Persons Of The Year**.

Western Waterfowl Expo 1996 **Waterfowl Persons Of The Year**.

American Livestock Breeds Conservancy 1997 Breed Conservation Award.

# Updated 2011 Edition: **Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks** by Dave Holderread

"This book is a deep and useful resource for anyone from beginner to advanced breeder and is jam-packed with information available nowhere else. This includes recent scientific understandings and many insights and "tricks" from old-time breeders that are sure to contribute to success. Dave and Millie Holderread have spent many decades in working with ducks, and no other people are more qualified to pass along accurate and useful information on ducks."

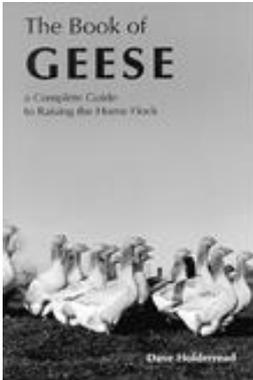
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## **The Book of Geese** a complete guide to raising the home flock by Dave Holderread

"The Book of Geese, is a valuable reference. Although basic enough for the hobbyist, it is comprehensive enough for commercial producers and scientists as well."

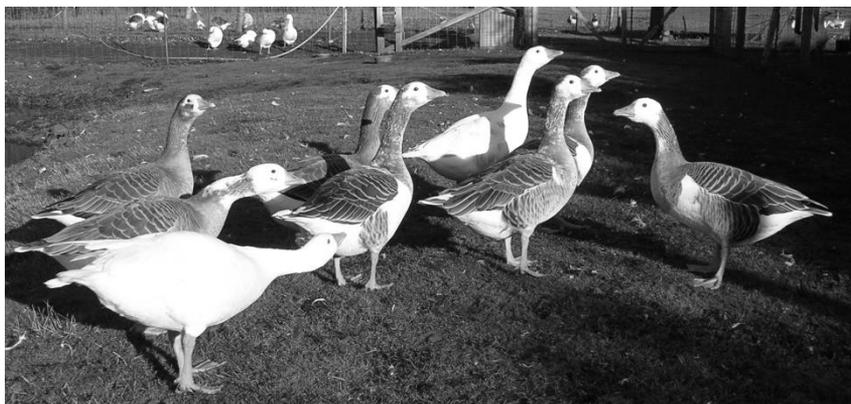
-Al Hollister, Dept. of Poultry Science, Oregon State University

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*A Family of Oregon Mini Geese*

## Price List for Adult Ducks & Geese

We ship adult birds throughout the U.S. via Express Mail. For their well-being, we ship adults only during cool weather—primarily October through February. The special adult shipping boxes cost \$28, \$16 and \$10 each. The largest holds up to 8 bantams, 4 light or 3 medium to heavy ducks; 2 medium or 1 heavy goose. The medium box holds half the number of ducks. The small size holds 1 light or 2 bantam ducks. Express and insurance charges (based on weight and zone) typically are \$30 to \$160 per box. Visit our website at [www.holderreadfarm.com](http://www.holderreadfarm.com) and click on “Fall/Winter Adult Sales List”. **Call or email for availability of adult stock and shipping costs for specific orders.**

Adults can be picked up at the farm by appointment. Adults are graded by their breed standard and priced accordingly; prices may vary some depending on grade and gender ratio purchased. Elite Show birds and some breeds are in high demand; it is wise to order early to avoid disappointment. (There is a \$7.50 per bird fee on cancelled adult orders.)

Breed	Utility Quality	Breeder Quality	Show Quality	Elite Show Quality
Welsh Harlequin	\$24 each	\$32 ea.	\$50-100 ea.	Phone or Email
Silver Appleyard, Cascade, Saxony	25 ea.	34 ea.	50-100 ea.	Phone or Email
Hook Bill	28 ea.	40 ea.	50-100 ea.	Phone or Email
Call, Silkie	30 ea.	40-50 ea.	60-125 ea.	Phone or Email
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Oregon Minis	60 ea.	85 ea.	100-250 ea.	Phone or Email
American Blue, American Lavender Ice	55 ea.	85 ea.	100-150 ea.	Phone or Email
Brown African, Embden, Shetland	60 ea.	85 ea.	125-250 ea.	Phone or Email

## Some Recent Comments from Customers

*The ducklings have arrived and they are simply wonderful. Thank you so, so much for the bonus birds! They are all drinking very well and are readily eating the gamebird and chick starter crumble with rolled oats and grit sprinkled on top. Absolutely amazing for a 3100-mile journey. This is by far the best experience I've ever had shipping birds and am beyond happy with these beautiful, healthy ducklings. I will definitely be returning in the future. T.C. New York*

**Thank you so much!** You guys are THE BEST vendor of any kind I have ever dealt with (and I deal with many of them). M.H. Maryland

**Just thought you might be interested** in how the young African gander you shipped as a gosling did at the Royal Show...He was Best of Breed and went on to be Reserve Champion Goose of the Show! Many exhibitors were very impressed with this young gander as am I! G.D. Canada

**We ordered some Silver Appleyards** ducklings from you this spring and they are doing fantastic. N.O. Ohio

**Last spring, you included a couple of Dutch Hook Bills** in our order, and they've really charmed us. A bit hard to put in words perhaps, but it's just such a pleasure to have them. Thank you so much. T.A. Iowa

**We are very happy with the ducks** that we received from you last spring. My daughter shows poultry in 4H in Dubuque County, Iowa and this year she tried her hand at the Iowa State Fair 4H poultry show as well. The ducks all topped their classes at the county fair. Two weeks later at the state fair, the Welsh Harlequins were looking really good. They all received purple ribbons and the drake received Reserve Champion Lightweight Duck. N.R. Iowa

**I have been raising waterfowl for 20+ years** and I have yet to see such strong hatchlings arrive after such a long journey. They enjoyed their honey water and 3 other "water pit stops" on the way home. They were a hit at the Petro-Canada gas station in Lethbridge. The ladies locked the store and shut the pumps off so they could come out and see them! It was a 1000km round trip that I would do again. Thank-you again for the extras—they will be cared for well. T.K. Canada

**I love these geese.** I have wanted mini geese for 20 years. Have always wanted geese but never had the space for the larger breeds. THANK YOU for all your labor over the years to provide all of us with such excellent waterfowl. We appreciate you all so much. J.K. Texas

**I thought I would let you know** how the birds we purchased from you did at the 2014 Western Waterfowl Expo. We won Champion Heavy Goose on an Embden, Reserve Heavy Goose on a Brown African, Champion Heavy Duck on a Silver Appleyard and Champion Medium Duck and Reserve Bird of Show on a Black Cayuga. J.E. Washington

**I picked up my adult ducks** this afternoon at the P.O. They're wonderful--Thank you. I'm so impressed with all of them, just beautiful. I ordered goslings from you in spring 2013—they are truly something to look at, so I knew I wouldn't be disappointed with these guys. E.C. Massachusetts

**We are absolutely in love with our new duck family.** Each has their own personality and all are mischievous. Currently they have access to our whole front yard. It's fenced and the neighbors love to come over and watch the girls work on getting all the bugs and slugs cleaned up. Thanks again for helping us get started on this fantastic journey! K.O. Oregon

**Thank you very much for your quick response.** Please tell Mr. Holderread I am currently reading his book and it's absolutely fantastic. M.B. Wisconsin

*I just wanted to say.... WOW. What BEAUTIES. Truly elegant fowl. You are definitely on our list for future ducks! K.S. California*

## ***READ CAREFULLY (save yourself and us time)***

### **Ordering Information**

**HATCHING SEASON** — Mondays and Tuesdays from April through mid-May.

**GENDER** — Except for pairs (1 male & 1 female) as specific on the gosling price list, ducklings and goslings are sold straight run (in the ratio provided by nature). Normally this means about half males and half females. Sorry, we cannot pick out extra females.

**MINIMUM ORDERS** — The fewest day-olds we ship are 4 goslings or 10 ducklings.

**ORDERING** — Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis. If you want birds during a specific week, order them well in advance. Only occasionally can last minute orders be filled. Please give earliest and latest date you will accept delivery and second breed choices.

**TERMS** — All orders received after December 31 must be accompanied by full remittance. A 25% deposit will book orders mailed prior to January 1, with the balance due 21 days before the shipping date. Payment can be made with check or money order. Sorry, we do not accept payment by credit card. If for any reason we are unable to fill your order, you will be refunded in full. There is a \$10 service charge on cancelled orders. No refund on cancellations within 14 days of scheduled shipping date. There is a \$15.00 fee for returned checks.

**SHIPPING** — Day-old poultry is mailed Priority or Express Mail and delivered to your post office, normally 12 to 48 hours after they leave us. (Due to postal regulations, hatchlings cannot be shipped via the postal service into Canada. Our Canadian customers have their birds shipped to a stateside post office for pick up. Let us know to which U.S. town you wish them mailed. Payment must be made by money order or bank check in U.S. dollars.)

**INSURANCE** — Ducklings and goslings ship very well and normally arrive in good condition. However, because we have no control over the treatment they receive once they leave us, all shipments are insured for loss, damage, or shortage occurring en route.

**GUARANTEE** — We guarantee that (1) birds we sell are from our own breeding flocks; (2) our stock is annually blood-tested and inspected by the Oregon Dept. of Ag.; (3) day-olds are carefully graded and any found with physical defects are removed; (4) Top Show Quality hatchlings are out of our special exhibition matings. (Keep in mind that not all offspring out of even the best stock will be show specimens or suitable for breeding. A good rule of thumb is to raise 2 to 3 young for every show bird desired.)

Aside from the above, our birds are sold without any other warranties whatsoever. In no case will we be responsible for more than the day-old price.

**PHONE SERVICE** — Include your phone number (or that of a neighbor or friend) to be put on the shipping box, so your post office can contact you when the birds arrive. We will phone or email you when your birds are shipped.

**PICK-UP ORDERS** — Pre-ordered adults and hatchlings may be picked up by appointment. To safeguard our birds from exposure to disease brought in by visitors, in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry



***Welsh Harlequin Drake***



**Second Choices:**

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Gentle Ben, our African gander that won Champion Goose, Champion Waterfowl and Best Bird In Show at the 1991 American Poultry Association National with 2800 birds competing. Gentle Ben was the first goose to win Best Bird In Show honors at a National in the first 120 years of the American Poultry Association. Among other awards, his sons won: Champion Goose and Reserve Waterfowl at the 1993 APA National; Best Bird In Show at the 1995 Western Waterfowl Expo; Reserve Bird In Show at the 1999 Western Waterfowl Expo. Africans from this strain continue to win big, including Reserve Bird in Show at the 2005 joint APA and ABA National and Best Bird In Show at the 2006 Joint APA and ABA National. Color photos at [www.holderreadfarm.com](http://www.holderreadfarm.com).



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