



GEESE

THE BASICS:

- GANDER : male goose
- GOOSE or HEN : female goose
- GOSLING : baby goose
- INCUBATION PERIOD : 30 days
- AVERAGE NEST SIZE : 6-8 eggs
- ADULT SIZE : Hen aprox. 20 lbs Gander aprox. 26 lbs
- Geese are monogamous and are believed to pair for life.

THE EXTRAS:

- The domestic goose flies only a little. They do not fly south for the winter as they have enough food here. They are often too heavy to fly very far.
- If necessary, we clip the feathers of one wing so they can not fly. This makes the bird unbalanced. It does not hurt the goose, it is similar to cutting your fingernail.
- Geese are raised for their meat, down or eggs.
- The feathers on the neck, or the “down,” can be harvested twice a year.
- Domestic geese can also serve as protectors because of their watchdog like behavior. They hiss and honk loudly when they feel threatened or when strangers appear.

OUR GEESE:

- We have White Chinese, Brown Chinese and the Grey Goose on our farm.