



## OSTRICH

### THE BASICS:

- MALE : male ostrich
- HEN : female ostrich
- CHICK : baby ostrich
- INCUBATION PERIOD : 52 days
- AVERAGE SIZE: 6-8 feet tall and 140 – 290 pounds
- AVERAGE NEST SIZE: 20-30 eggs per season
- Ostrich are the largest living bird in the world.

### THE EXTRAS:

- Ostrich are part of the RATITE, or flightless bird, family. Cousins of emu, rhea and kiwi.
- Ostrich are farmed for their feathers and lean meat.
- Ostrich eggs are the largest in the world, white and shiny. One ostrich egg equals 24 chicken eggs.
- Hens typically lay 20-30 eggs in one season, laying one egg every other day. The male ostrich will lie on the nest at night and the female ostrich will take turns lying on the nest during the day.
- Ostrich have the largest eyes of a land animal. They can run up to 60 mph.
- Ostrich love water, and take frequent baths.
- Ostrich are native to Africa.

### OUR OSTRICH:

- We currently do not have any ostrich, but plan to raise some next spring.