

**The Livestock Conservancy
Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Geese**

Photos	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Purpose	Adult Weight M/F (lbs.)	Color	Egg color	Egg Size	Rate of Lay	Temperament	Brooding & Mothering	Climate	Owner Experience Level	Notes
	African	Asia	Watch	Meat	M: 20 F: 18	Gray/brown, buff, white	White	Extra Large	20-45	Some males are aggressive	Fair to good	Hot and cold	Novice - Intermediate	Takes several years to fully mature; need shelter in cold to prevent frostbite on knob
	American Buff	United States	Watch	Meat	M: 18 F: 16	Buff	White	Large	25-35	Docile, curious	Good	Hot and cold	Novice	Not as noisy as some other goose breeds
	Chinese	Asia	Watch	Meat, Eggs	M: 12 F: 10	Brown, white	White	Medium to Large	40-100+	Docile	Poor to fair	Hot and cold	Novice	Good "watch dogs"; good for small properties; need shelter in cold to prevent frostbite on knob
	Cotton Patch	United States	Critical	Meat	M: 14 F: 12	White male Grey or saddleback female	White	Large	12-16 eggs/year (6-8 eggs/clutch, twice a year)	Docile, active	Good	Hot to moderate	Intermediate	Most strains retain the ability to fly; good for weeding
	Pilgrim	United States	Threatened	Meat	M: 14 F: 13	White male Grey female	White	Large	25-40	Docile	Good	Hot and cold	Novice	Fairly peaceful birds; goslings can be sexed as day-olds
	Pomeranian	Germany	Threatened	Meat	M: 17 F: 15	Grey, buff, saddleback, or white	White	Large	25-40	Some males are aggressive	Good	Hot and cold	Novice - Intermediate	Color can be a challenge to perfect; good "watchdogs"

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	Roman	Italy	Critical	Meat, Guarding	M: 12 F: 10	White	White	Large	25-35	Some males are aggressive	Good	Hot and cold	Novice - Intermediate	Good "watch dogs"
	Sebastapol	Southeastern Europe	Threatened	Ornamental	M: 14 F: 12	White, grey, buff	White	Large	25-35		Good	Hot and cold	Novice - Intermediate	Up to five geese per gander
	Shetland	Shetland Isles, Scotland	Critical	Meat, Weeding	M: 14 F: 12	White male Grey saddleback female	White	Large	30	Docile, active	Good	Hot and cold	Novice - Intermediate	Small active geese that can fly well
	Steinbacher	Germany	Critical	Fighting, Meat	M: 14 F: 12	Grey, blue, buff	White	Large	12-15	Can have goose-on-geese aggression	Variable to good	Hot and cold	Intermediate	Only the blue color variety is found in the U.S.; females very defensive of young
	Toulouse (Dewlap)	France	Watch	Meat	M: 26 F: 26	Grey, buff	White	Extra Large	20-35, few 60	Docile	Poor to fair	Hot and cold, in heat will need water and shade to cool off	Intermediate - Advanced	Relatively quiet breed; mature slowly; challenging to breed; need at least 15" deep pool to breed in; in heat will need water and shade to cool off