







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

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

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