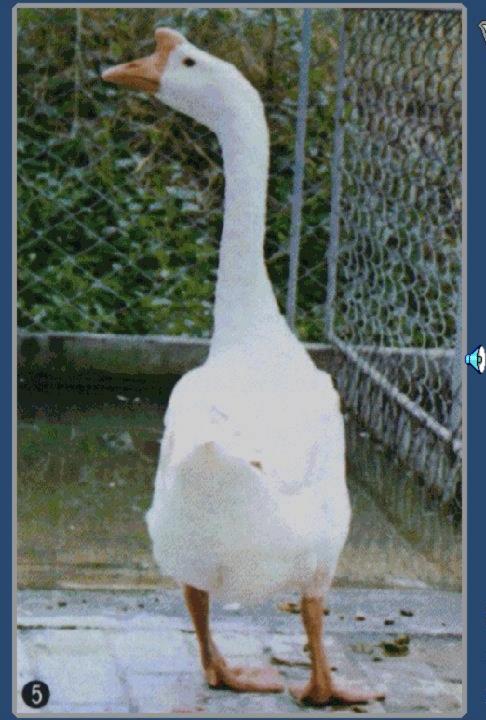


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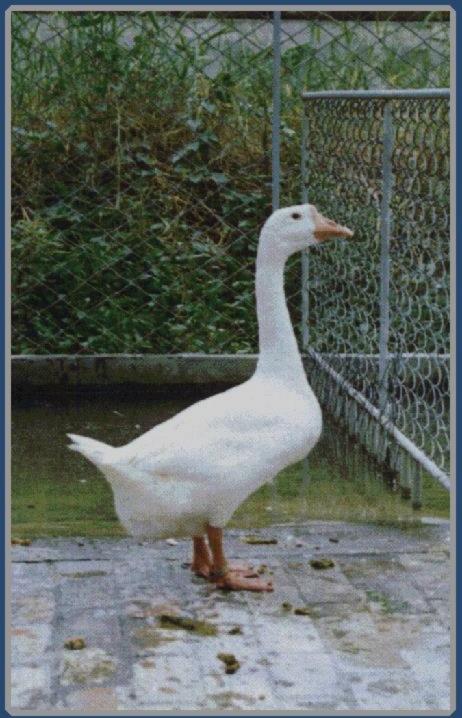
Gander



Solid white feathers, blue eyes and an orange-yellow beak and feet.



Orange-yellow knob in White Chinese goose.

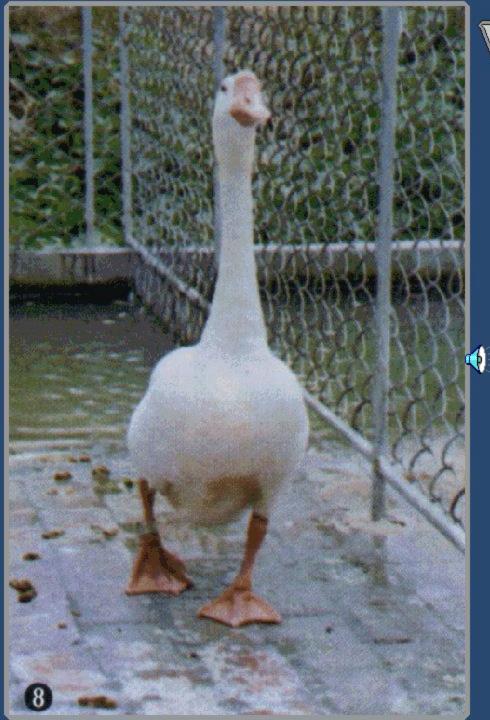


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Female Goose



A short tail turns upward in both kinds of Chinese goose.



Female is smaller than male in size.



Cutting roughage with teeth on the edge of beak.





Females brood on eggs.
Alert behavior when frightened or aroused.



Congregate and play in water.





Go to a pond for exercise and bathing

Mate in water and fixed mates.



Usually raised in open-sided houses with access to a large field.



Go to a pond for exercise and bathing



Most of geese follow a leader when they move away.

Growth Performance		Mean + SE	
	BROWN	WHITE CHINESE GOOSE	
Body weight at			
at birth	0.112	0.109 Kg	
2 weeks old	0.35	0.34 Kg	
4	1.01	0.94 Kg	
6	1.72	1.71 Kg	
8	2.68	2.61 Kg	
10	3.22	3.15 Kg	
12	3.54	3.54 Kg	
14	3.95	3.85 Kg	
16	4.23	3.86 Kg	
Feed conversion at		Ü	
2 weeks old	1.61	1.62 F/G	
4	2.19	2.30 F/G	
6	2.60	2.51 F/G	
8	3.00	3.22 F/G	
10	3.45	3.73 F/G	
12	4.26	4.29 F/G	
14	5.65	4.89 F/G	
16	6.86	5.99 F/G	

Reproductive Performance

BROWN	WHITE	CHINESE	GOOSE

Age at first egg	313±35	306±35 days
BW at first egg	4.2 ± 0.6	$4.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ Kg}$
Egg weight of first egg	194±22	141±20 g
Number of eggs yearly	20.6	28.2 eggs
Fertility	83.08 %	87.38 %
Hatchability	48.22 %	44.63 %

CONFORMATION MEASUREMENTS

Body length

41.2±3.3

 42.2 ± 2.8 cm

Body height

75.4±6.3

 76.3 ± 6.8 cm

Chest width

 22.8 ± 1.2

 22.5 ± 1.2 cm

Laying Production

One male mates with 4 – 6 females. The laying period begins in September, peaks in December, and ends in April or May of the following year.

Meat Quality

The Chinese goose grows more slowly than exotic Embdem, Tufted Roman or Toulouse. Its rearing period is about 16 weeks, which is at least two weeks longer than that of other breeds. However, consumers in Taiwan prefer Chinese geese and are willing to pay up to 80% more for meat, because of the good quality of their meat relative to the taste flavor.