

Feather Quality



Feather quality can differ primarily depending on breeding but can also be impacted by access to fresh bathing water and diet.

Also, keep in mind that their best feathering is 2-3 years old, and also outside of molt season. Fall is usually best.

See Dorian's progress (right) over 3 years. Not all pictures are at ideal timeframe, but you can see the difference in the chest/neck over the years.



Sebastopol Geese can be smooth, smooth breasted or curly. Curl levels can vary greatly within the curly variety. Also with smooth and smooth breasted it is difficult to tell if this is due to mixed breeding.



[Smooth Breasted]

[Curly in various quality levels from left to right poorer quality to exhibition quality]

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Not Your Everyday Goose
Not Your Everyday Goose/RuRu Sebastopols



Smooth

- Neck and abdomen feathers completely smooth.
- Back has no longer feathers.
- Essentially looks like a normal goose.

Smooth Breasted

- Neck and abdomen feathers completely smooth.
- Back has some longer, wider feathers extending down sides and also at hips.

Curly Sebastopol

- Quilted or bumpy appearance on chest and can extend up the neck.
- Lesser quality curly geese may have smooth neck and chest with curls starting lower on the body.
- Long feathers extending from back to ground.
- Wider feather desired

When breeding:

Curly x Curly = 100% Curly offspring

Curly X Smoothbreasted = 50% Curly and 50% Smooth Breasted

**Smooth Breasted X Smooth Breasted
25% Curly, 50% Smooth Breasted,
25% Smooth**

Curly X Smooth = 100% Smooth breasted

**Smooth Breasted x Smooth = 50%
Smooth Breasted and 50% Smooth**

Smooth x Smooth = 100% Smooth