

2017 HOCKING SWCD FISH SALE

On **Thursday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.**, the Hocking Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding their fish sale at their office located on the Hocking County Fairgrounds at 148 North Homer Avenue in Logan. **Fish must be ordered ahead of time and the deadline for ordering is Friday, April 28.** If you have any questions, please call the office at 740-385-3016 or stop by.

To order fish, return this order form along with payment before **April 28, 2017**, to the Hocking SWCD. **Fish must be picked up on Thursday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hocking County Fairgrounds in the parking lot behind the SWCD office.** You will need to bring your own containers with some of your pond water in them. A trash can with a plastic liner or 5 gallon bucket with lid is suitable. Two 5 gallon buckets will handle 50 fish. Since the White Amur are larger, 2 per 5 gallon bucket is recommended.



Name Telephone Number

Address City State Zip Code

E-mail address (for reminder) _____

<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
_____	Redear Sunfish	2" - 4"	\$0.90/each	_____
_____	Large Mouth Bass	2" - 3"	\$0.90/each	_____
_____	Bluegill	2" - 4"	\$0.85/each	_____
_____	Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	\$0.85/each	_____
_____	Perch	2" - 3"	\$0.85/each	_____
_____	Channel Catfish	4" - 5"	\$0.80/each	_____
_____	Sterile White Amur	8" - 10"	\$14.00/each	_____
_____	Fathead Minnows	2"-3"	\$0.06/each	_____
TOTAL OF ORDER				_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HOCKING SWCD
148 North Homer Avenue
Logan, OH 43138

Stocking Fish

Largemouth bass, bluegills, redear sunfish, and channel catfish are the most appropriate fish for stocking the majority of Ohio ponds.

Stocking the recommended sizes and numbers of fish is very important for good fishing. Fingerling fish one to three inches long are recommended for stocking new or renovated ponds. Starting a pond off by stocking larger fish is tempting, but can lead to an “unbalanced” pond with too many fish of one kind and too few of another. Stocking larger fish can also be very expensive. Table 2.1 shows how many fish of each kind to stock depending on the desired combination.

Whereas stocking fingerlings is recommended for new or renovated ponds, occasional stockings of larger fishes, or periodic restocking of channel catfish may be necessary in ponds with established fish populations. Stocking intermediate size fishes is recommended at reduced rates compared to fingerlings. For example, if largemouth bass or bluegills need to be supplemented, stocking four- to six-inch largemouth bass at the reduced rate of 50 per acre, or two- to four-inch bluegills at the reduced rate of 250 per acre may be appropriate. Channel catfish should be at least eight inches long for periodic restocking so they are not eaten by adult largemouth bass. Stocking these larger channel catfish is recommended at the reduced rates of 25 to 50 per acre.

Another fish being stocked in ponds for vegetative control, is the grass carp, sometimes called the white amur. Certified triploid grass carp were legalized for stocking in 1988 specifically for this purpose. These fish are incapable of reproducing in your pond. Grass carp stocking rates vary depending on the amount and kind of vegetation in the pond. For ponds with a surface covered by more than 60 percent vegetation, stock them at 20 fish per acre, but reduce the rate to 10 fish per acre for ponds with 40 to 60 percent vegetative cover, and to five fish per acre for ponds with 20 to 40 percent vegetative cover. Grass carp are not recommended for less severe problems. More fish can be added if these stocking rates do not provide adequate control. Wait at least three years after your initial stocking before deciding if you need more fish. Grass carp may not be effective for controlling milfoil, water meal, filamentous algae, or pond lilies.

Table 2.1. Recommended stocking rates of fingerling fish for new or renovated ponds.

Stocking combination	Number of fish to stock per acre			
	Bass	Bluegill	Redear	Catfish
Bass-bluegill	100	500		
Bass-bluegill-catfish	100	500		100
Bass-redear	100		500	
Bass-bluegill-redear	100	350	150	
Bass-bluegill-redear-catfish	100	350	150	100

The above information was taken from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, “Ohio Pond Management Handbook”.

For other recommendations on fish management, stop by our office or come to this year’s pond clinic where you can order fish.

Pond Clinic: March 28, 2017, at 6 p.m. at the Hocking County Youth Center (located on the Hocking County Fairgrounds) 148 North Homer Avenue, Logan, OH. Come join the Hocking and Vinton Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Steve Fender from Fender’s Fish Hatchery for an evening all about ponds. The evening will be informal with discussions based on aquatic plants, wildlife habitat, and pond construction. Bring your questions.

If you want to order fish, simply fill out the fish order form and return it to this office with your check by April 28. The fish must be picked up at the Hocking SWCD Office at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. When picking up your order, you will need to bring a container(s) with water from your pond. A trash can with a plastic liner or a 5 gallon bucket with lid is suitable. Two 5 gallon buckets will handle 50 fish. Since the White Amur are larger, 2 per 5 gallon bucket is recommended.