

POND STOCK FISH



Channel Catfish are not only an outstanding food fish; they are an excellent sport fish. It is compatible in lakes and ponds with all species and works well with Hybrid Bluegill and Largemouth Bass. Growth rates 1 lb. a year if fed commercial feed. They typically grow to 5-10 lbs. on farm ponds.



Largemouth Bass are one of the most popular fish. They are predators and work well to help control stunted Bluegill and Crappie populations. By nature this fish will not accept artificial feed, but the fishery does raise Largemouth that do accept the same feed as Channel Catfish and Hybrid Bluegill, which greatly increases their growth rate $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. per year. Can grow to a maximum of 20 lbs, with an average weight of 1-6 lbs.



Hybrid Bluegill are produced by crossing a male Bluegill with a female Green Sunfish. This hybrid cross produces a 90% male, 10% female population, which makes the Hybrid Bluegill an excellent pond fish, as it will not over populate. The Hybrid Bluegill readily accepts artificial feed, and grows to a much larger size than either parent (1-2 lbs. fish are not uncommon). Growth rate is $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 lbs. per year.



Bluegill fit much of the description of the Hybrid Bluegill except they do not grow as quickly and tend to overpopulate much more rapidly the Hybrid Bluegill. Bluegill typically grow to 1 lb. or less.



Redear Sunfish are known for eating snails and clams, but also eat insect larvae, insects, and small crustaceans. They are beneficial in pond stocking due to their ability to control snail and insect populations. Redear Sunfish grow to 1-2 ft on average.



Fathead Minnows should be stocked in new ponds. They should also be stocked prior to stocking Largemouth Bass so they have an opportunity to spawn and provide plenty of feed for young Bass. Suggested stocking rate is 5 lbs. per acre.



Triploid Grass Carp are an alternative to using chemicals for weed control. This fish will not reproduce and when the proper numbers are stocked the need for chemicals or mechanical weed cutters for weed control will be eliminated. Grass Carp will only eat pond weeds. Algae problems must be treated chemically. Stocking rates for each lake is different, depending on weed severity: 10-15 fish per acre in a pond with severe weed problem are suggested. These Carp eat most aggressively in the summer months. Good results are usually seen after a second season. For continued control of a severe weed problem, fish should be restocked every 3 to 5 years.



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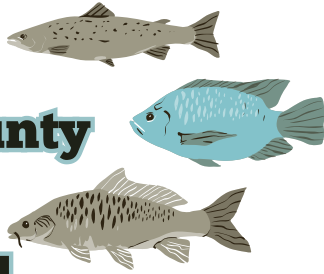
DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

2025 Fall Fish Sale

Pick Up: Saturday, October 11th
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building Parking Lot
1350 W Prairie Dr
Sycamore, IL

Order Deadline:
Friday, September 26th

DeKalb County SWCD 2025 Fall Fish Sale



Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

All fish orders are due by:
4:30 PM Friday, September 26, 2025.

Fish pick-up will be Saturday, October 11, 2025
from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM in the parking lot of the
DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
PLEASE SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:
DeKalb County SWCD
1350 W. Prairie Drive
Sycamore, IL 60178

Any questions call: (815) 756-3234 Ext. 9494
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| Check # | | Date Recieved | |
| Amount | | Date Posted | |
| Order Checked | | Postcard Sent | |

Order Form

| Species | Size | Unit Cost (per fish) | Quantity | Bundle Cost (100 ct.) | Quantity | Total (\$) |
|--|----------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Bluegill | 3-4" | \$1.50 each | | \$140.00 | | |
| Hybrid Bluegill | 3-4" | \$1.50 each | | \$140.00 | | |
| Redear Sunfish | 2-4" | \$1.50 each | | \$140.00 | | |
| Channel Catfish | 4-6" | \$1.20 each | | \$110.00 | | |
| | 6-8" | \$1.40 each | | \$130.00 | | |
| Largemouth Bass | 3" | \$2.00 each | | \$190.00 | | |
| Triploid Grass Carp* | 8-11" | \$18.00 each | | | | |
| Koi | 6-8" | \$25.00 each | | | | |
| Fathead Minnows | 1-3" | \$15.00 per lb. | | | | |
| Adult Fish - Direct pond delivery required.* | | | | | | |
| Channel Catfish | 1-4 lbs. | \$5.50 each | | | | |
| Largemouth Bass | 6-8" | \$5.00 each | | | | |
| Order Total: | | | | | | |

*The adult Channel Catfish and 6-8" Largemouth Bass are only available for direct pond deliveries.
Free Delivery over \$1,000. Regular delivery fee is \$75.

*If ordering Triploid Grass Carp: It is necessary to identify the exact location of the pond using County, Township, Range, and Section. The fishery must apply for permits from the IDNR for all Triploid Grass Carp sold. If you need help with this information please call our office and we will be happy to help.

Waterbody Name: _____

Pond Acreage: _____ County: _____

TWP #: _____ Range #: _____ Section #: _____ (Example: T.40N-R.4E-Sec.12)

Wholly Owned: Yes: _____ No: _____