Hebron State Fish Hatchery

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*235 Acres of Land * 60 Acres of Water*

Fishing Made Possible by the Hebron State Fish Hatchery:

- Walleye and saugeye fry and fingerlings are produced to stock reservoirs statewide each spring for future fishing opportunities.
- Channel Catfish are produced and stocked as “catchables” or yearlings.
- Blue Catfish are spawned, hatched, and moved out for further production; broodstock (breeders) are kept on-site.
- Bluegill “catchables” are produced for the State Fair Kids Fishing Pond and of all sizes for public pond renovation activities.

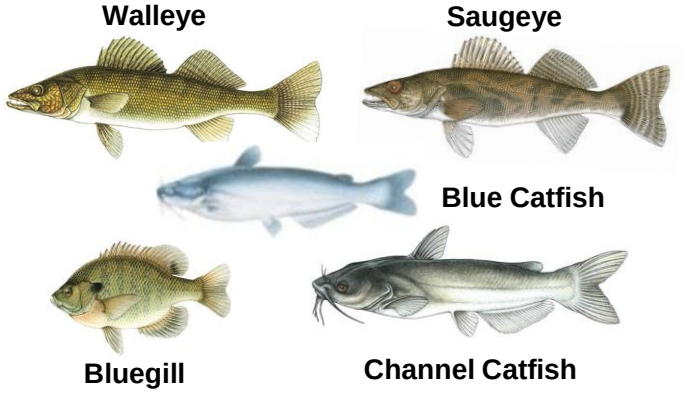
Hatchery Origin: Built in 1938 by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and transferred to the ODNR Division of Wildlife in 1982.

Renovation: Most recently renovated in 1994 for a new production building and re-working ponds.

Water Sources: Two wells onsite and Buckeye Lake water transported through the adjacent Ohio-Erie Canal.

Fish Production Space: 13 indoor raceways, 2 production buildings and 63 ponds

Staff: 4 full-time and 1 seasonal personnel



Fish Production and Stocking in 2022:

- Saugeye: 8.3 million fry and 2.6 million fingerlings
- Walleye: 5.4 million fry and 0.9 million fingerlings
- Channel Catfish: 1,622 catchables
- Blue Catfish: 482,000 fry
- Bluegill: 26,094 catchables

Other Activities:

- Archery range and foot trails for wildlife viewing opportunities are open daily, sunrise to sunset.
- Controlled waterfowl and deer hunts are available. See www.wildlife.ohiodnr.gov for details.
- Contact hatchery personnel for limited fishing opportunities in the hatchery’s Borrow Pit Pond.
- Tours: Self-guided tours are permitted Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, except holidays. Guided tours are available by appointment for larger groups.

Ohio Division of Wildlife Fish Hatcheries:

The Division operates six fish hatcheries that produce more than 44 million fish each year. Many Ohio fishing opportunities would not be available without fish production, stocking, management, and research. Funding is provided by the sales of Ohio fishing licenses and the Sport Fish Restoration Act, a federal aid program supported through excise taxes on select fishing tackle and marine fuel.