



St. Marys State Fish Hatchery

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155 Acres of Land * 43 Acres of Water

Fishing Made Possible by the St. Marys State Fish Hatchery:

- Walleye, saugeye and yellow perch fry and fingerlings are produced to stock reservoirs statewide each spring for future fishing opportunities.
- Channel catfish are produced and stocked as “catchables,” yearlings or fingerlings.
- Blue catfish fry are received from Hebron SFH, grown out to advanced fingerlings, and stocked in the fall.



Hatchery Origin: Built in 1913 by Western Ohio Fish & Game Association and transferred to the Ohio Division of Conservation (a predecessor of ODNR-Wildlife) in 1936.

Renovation: Most recently renovated in 2018 for a production building, two new wells, new sand filters, redesigned raceways and jar batteries, and pump and sluice gate upgrades; funding was provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

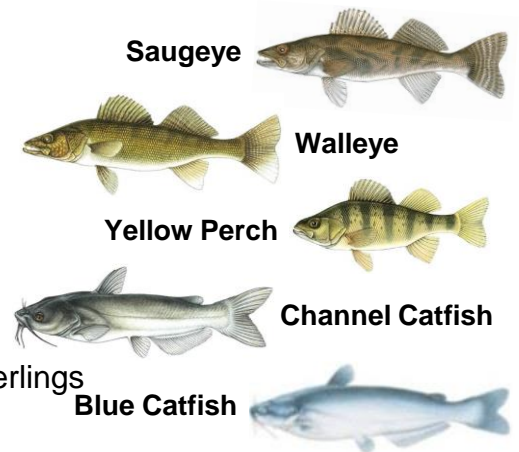
Fish Production Space: 25 indoor raceways, 1 production building and 25 ponds

Water Sources: Grand Lake St. Marys and 4 wells

Staff: 5 full-time and 1 seasonal personnel

Fish Production and Stocking in 2022:

- Saugeye: 10.5 million fry and 2.1 million fingerlings
- Walleye: 1.1 million fry and 3.7 million fingerlings
- Yellow Perch: 4.2 million fry and 1.7 million fingerlings
- Blue Catfish: 21,366 fry and 210,414 advanced fingerlings.
- Channel Catfish: 6,699 catchables and 2,100 advanced fingerlings



Other Activities:

- Archery range and foot trails for wildlife viewing opportunities are open daily, sunrise to sunset.
- Controlled waterfowl hunts are available. See www.wildlife.ohiodnr.gov for details & sign-up.
- 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.

