Fishing Made Possible by the London State Fish Hatchery:

- Muskie “advanced” fingerlings- up to 12"- are produced to stock select reservoirs statewide each fall for future fishing opportunities
- Brown Trout yearlings are produced for the Mad River and upper Clear Fork of the Mohican River.
- Rainbow Trout “catchables” are produced to stock public water areas in central and southern Ohio for fall fishing opportunities. Fingerlings are produced and sent to Kincaid Fish Hatchery for continued production to catchable size for spring stockings.

Hatchery Origin: Our oldest State Fish Hatchery. Built in 1896 by the Ohio Fish Commission, predecessor of the ODNR- Division of Wildlife.

Renovation: Most recently renovated in 2017 for a stand-alone isolation facility, new backup generator system, improved electric, pump, and plumbing systems, and pond monitoring.

Water Source: 7 wells

Fish Production Space: 9 indoor raceways, 1 production building, an outdoor covered raceway and 33 ponds.

Staff: 5 Full-time and 1 Seasonal personnel

Fish Production and Stocking in Calendar Year 2020:

- Rainbow Trout: 3,318 catchables
- Brown Trout: 20,386 yearlings & 7,647 fingerlings
- Muskellunge: 15,609 advanced fingerlings

Other Activities:

- Tours: Self-guided tours are permitted Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, except Holidays. Guided tours are available by appointment; however, these have been eliminated or severely limited by COVID-19 restrictions.
- London SFH also raises forage fish (fathead minnows) to feed muskie raised in our hatcheries and has recently assisted with bluegill production. They also assist in the statewide Trout in the Classroom program in partnership with Ohio’s Chapters of Trout Unlimited.

Ohio Division of Wildlife Fish Hatcheries:
The Division operates six fish hatcheries that produce more than 40 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.