



2025 SPRING FISH STOCKING PROGRAM
CHEMUNG COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 851 CHEMUNG ST. HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 PH. (607) 739-2009

FISH SPECIES	PRICE PER EACH FISH	STOCKING RATE PER 1 SURFACE ACRE OF WATER	QUANTITY ORDERED
Rainbow Trout (4-6")	\$3.25	300	
Brook Trout (4-6")	\$3.50	300	
Largemouth Bass (4-6")	\$4.25	100	
Channel Catfish (4-6")	\$2.50	100	
Black Crappie (3-5")	\$3.25	200	
Bluegill Sunfish (3-5")	\$2.50	300	
Fathead minnows (1-2")	\$23.00/lb. (150-200 per lb.)	50 lbs. / acre	
Triploid grass carp (10-12") New York State permit required contact District office	\$25.00	Up to 15	

MINIMUM ORDER 10 FISH OF ANY ONE SPECIES EXCEPT FOR GRASS CARP FISH ORDER TOTAL: (No.1) \$ _____

FISH FOOD & POND HEALTH ITEMS	PRICE	APPLICATION RATE	QUANTITY ORDERED
10 lbs. Fish Food	\$15.00	N/A	
44 lbs. Fish Food	\$55.00	N/A	
Beneficial Bacteria	\$65.00	1/3 Acre Treatment	
Pond Colorant (blue dye)	\$18.00	1/3 Acre Treatment	
40 lbs. Barley Pellets	\$90.00	1/3 Acre Treatment	

FISH FOOD AND POND ITEMS TOTAL: (No. 2) \$ _____

NOTE: All fish will be coming on one delivery date see below. Customers do not need to bring containers of water. Fish will be delivered in boxes with oxygen injected water. All prices include packaging, handling and delivery to the District office.

Order subtotal No.1 + No.2 1. \$ _____

Sales tax 8% x subtotal 2. \$ _____

Add 1, 2, and sales tax to determine GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

Order by date: April 25th, 2025

Delivery date: May 9th, 2025 10:30am to 11:30am

Delivery will be at the District's office located at 851 Chemung St. in Horseheads.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Permits Needed

Permits for Grass Carp (*Ctenopharyngodon Idella*)

Individuals desiring to stock triploid grass carp in New York must first apply for and obtain a triploid grass carp stocking permit. Applicant or representative of applicant should completely fill out the permit application and return it to the Regional Fisheries Manager covering the region in which the stocking will occur. Approved applicants will receive three copies of a stocking permit along with a listing of approved triploid grass carp suppliers. Permit conditions will be listed on or attached to the permit. At the time of purchase, the permit holder must provide all three copies of the stocking permit to the selected approved triploid grass carp supplier. The supplier will fill in the appropriate information on the bottom of the permit, keep one copy for his records, send one copy to the DEC office listed on the permit, and provide the buyer with a copy of the permit.

Farm Fish Pond License

Prior to stocking fish in your pond, you should apply for and obtain a Farm Fish Pond License. The license allows the licensee, their immediate family, and their employees to take fish at any time, in any size, in any number, and in any manner as stipulated in their individual license. It also serves as a stocking permit, eliminating the need to obtain a separate DEC fish stocking permit which is required to stock fish into any waters of the state. The license is free and valid for five years from the date of issuance.

Submit applications for permits to your Regional DEC Office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to allow for the best turnaround time.

Things to consider:

Do you have an established food chain in your waterbody? To have the best survival and growth rate, a food chain should be established before introducing larger fish species. For example, if you want to stock largemouth bass, you should have a sufficient food source established to give the new species an abundant forage. Without having this, it could lead to stunted growth as well as poor survival rates. To fix this issue, you should look into stocking fatheads, crayfish, or other species of fish.

What species should you stock? Most ponds will support all of the warm water species available. Rainbow Trout are a species that typically thrive in water bodies that have abundant oxygen and colder water temperatures.

How many fish should you stock? When stocking a waterbody, it is always recommended to follow the listed stocking rates. Overstocking of a waterbody could lead to stunted growth. Also, if the waterbody is overstocked, the availability of forage (food) will be lower. ***Personal recommendation:** if stocking multiple species, consider reproduction and total fish being added to waterbody. Overstocking of a waterbody can be harmful to fish populations. Example: if stocking Black Crappie and Bluegill, they will compete for similar forages. Try to total the two species to even out the populations. Also, if they are stocked at the younger ages (size), larger fish that exist in a waterbody (typically Largemouth Bass) will prey upon the smaller fish.

How should you introduce fish to your waterbody? When stocking fish, it is recommended to allow the fish to acclimate to the new water temperature. With fish in bags, you can place the bag in the water before opening it to allow the temperature to adjust.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the office. The office phone number is (607) 739-2009.