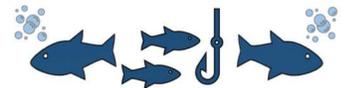


Trout, Bass, Catfish and Minnows Available!



Interested in stocking, or restocking fish in your pond? The Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District provides quality fish that can create many recreational opportunities for your family. This year's sale will include rainbow trout, brook trout, largemouth bass, catfish, and fathead minnows. The number of fish a pond will support depends on its surface area, water quality, depth, and size of fish. Stocking of trout and catfish in the fall benefits from favorable growing conditions early the following spring, so they reach "pan size" sooner. Stocking your pond with largemouth bass and fathead minnows will produce a self-sustaining fish population that you can enjoy for many years! Catfish also make a great species to fish for in smaller recreational ponds, reaching sizes of 10 pounds or more.

Trout can live in water between 33 and 75 degrees, but they make their most rapid growth in water of 50 to 65 degrees. Within this temperature range they are also less susceptible



to parasites and diseases. It is not likely that you will be able to keep the water temperature in your pond within this range all year, unless you have a constant source of cooler water from a spring or well. **Brook Trout** prefer a water temperature range of 65 degrees Fahrenheit or less, and most are acid tolerant. They grow well in ponds 10+ feet deep, or shallower ones that are spring fed, and may reproduce in ponds fed by gravel bottomed streams and springs. They are easily caught, with a life span of 3 to 4 years. **Rainbow Trout** prefer a water temperature range of 70 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer, and are good for ponds 8 feet deep or deeper, best in clear ponds. They are very acid sensitive, but grow quickly, with a life span of 5 years. The number of trout a pond will support depends on its surface area, water quality, and size of fish. The standard fall stocking rate for 4-6" fingerlings is 300 to 400 per surface acre.

Largemouth Bass will spawn in smaller farm ponds with an average water depth of 5 feet or more. Remember, bass usually reproduce when they are 2 years old and occasionally not until the third year. For best results, try to avoid fishing the pond until the bass have spawned. The pond should then provide many years of fishing fun with

occasional stocking of feeder fish such as **Fathead Minnows**. Coloration consist of a dark back, mottled olive to green; sides olive to greenish yellow, with dark mid lateral stripe; head greenish gold with 2-3 dark lines across cheek and opercle; median fins are dusky olive. Recommended stocking rates are 100 to 125 bass per surface acre and 500-600 minnows per surface acre.

Unlike Bullheads, **Catfish** cohabitate with most other fish species and they will not overpopulate a pond or stir up the bottom. Catfish spawn in small holes in the side of the pond just below the water line. A muskrat hole or 8" tile usually works well but they will rarely reproduce in spring fed ponds as the water temperature is too low. They are a decent fighting fish and can get up to 5 – 10 pounds depending on the food source. They will feed on smaller fish but prefer something easier to catch such as tadpoles or algae. When supplemented with a commercial food, both catfish and bass will grow much faster. Coloration consists of black bluish gray and their sides are light blue to silvery with scattered patches that run dark olive to dusky. Recommended stocking rate for 6 – 8" catfish is 75 per surface acre.

You must obtain a Stocking Permit or Farm Fish Pond License from NYS DEC. If you do not already have one, please contact your DEC Regional office, or check our website at www.herkimercountyswcd.com to get a permit application. You must do this ASAP as the process may take up to 2 weeks!! Be sure to list each specific fish species you wish to purchase on your permit application (ie. 'Fathead Minnows' or 'Rainbow Trout').

All orders must be prepaid and received no later than **Monday, September 19th, 2022**. We will need a copy of your Stocking Permit or Farm Fish Pond License when you place your fish order. The pick-up date is scheduled for **Thursday, September 29th, at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!!!** Our office is located in the COR Properties Business Park, 5653 State Route 5 in East Herkimer. A reminder letter will be sent out to confirm the pick up date and time.

Call the SWCD office at (315) 866-2520 ext. 5 with any questions or fill out the enclosed order form and send a copy of your permit along with payment to our office.

New York State DEC Regional Fisheries Offices

Region 4 Counties

Montgomery, Otsego, Delaware, Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Columbia Stamford Office: (607) 652-7366

Region 5 Counties

Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Fulton, Saratoga, Washington
Ray Brook Office: (518) 897-1200
Warrensburg Office: (518) 623-1200

Region 6 Counties

Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Oneida, Herkimer
Watertown Office: (315) 785-2263
Utica Office: (315) 793-2554

Region 7 Counties

Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, Tompkins, Cortland, Chenango, Tioga, Broome
Cortland Office: (607) 753-3095 ext. 213



2022 FISH STOCKING ORDER FORM

Herkimer County SWCD
5653 State Route 5
Herkimer, NY 13350

Size & Species	Price	Quantity	Total
4-6" Rainbow Trout (25 per order)	\$80.00		
4-6" Brook Trout (25 per order)	\$85.00		
3-4" Largemouth Bass (25 per order)	\$88.00		
6-8" Catfish (25 per order)	\$75.00		
1-2" Fathead Minnows (100 minnows per order)	\$20.00		
TOTAL			

Name:
Mailing Address:
Pond Address:
Phone: ()

Order with payment and stocking permit due: **Monday, September 19th**

Checks to be made out to: **Herkimer County SWCD**

Pickup Date & Time: **Thursday, September 29th @ 9am**

Pickup location: **Herkimer County SWCD Office**

PLEASE NOTE: TAX IS INCLUDED this year!
Please send this completed order form, payment, and a copy of your stocking permit or farm fish pond license to:
Herkimer County SWCD
5653 State Route 5
Herkimer, NY 13350

WHAT CONTAINERS & WATER SHOULD I USE? One (1) 30-gallon container for each 125 bass ordered and one (1) 30-gallon container for every 500 minnows ordered. A 30-gallon container works nicely for up to 75 of the 6 – 8" catfish and one (1) 30-gallon container for every 75 4-6" trout. **Containers should be filled with your pond water only!** Spring or well water is not recommended and chlorinated water is unacceptable! Containers must be clean. Copper or galvanized containers may be toxic to your fish. As an alternative, oxygen bagging is also available for \$1.00 per bag, to be paid directly to the fish supplier, please remember to bring cash with you. A 5-gallon pail will hold one bag of fish. Oxygen bagging has become the most popular method of transporting your fish.

Recommended stocking rate is 300 to 400 4 – 6" trout fingerlings per acre, 100 to 125 bass per surface acre, and 500 to 600 minnows per surface acre as feeder fish. 6 – 8" Catfish stocking rate is 75 per surface acre.

NOTE: A fish stocking permit OR farm fish pond license is required by NYS Environmental Conservation Law. The SWCD is no longer able to provide this service. Each landowner is required to obtain a stocking permit. Herkimer County is in DEC Region 6 but we can sell fish to any landowner regardless of what DEC Region their pond is in, as long as they have a fish stocking permit or farm fish pond license.

The Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District is not responsible for orders not picked up at the scheduled time or for the survival of these fish after you leave our office.

