Hebron State Fish Hatchery

10517 Canal Rd. SE, Hebron, OH 43025
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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.
- Blue Catfish are spawned, hatched, and moved out for further production; broodstock are kept on-site.
- Bluegill catchables are produced for the Ohio State Fair Kids Fishing Pond and various sizes are produced 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 pond improvements.

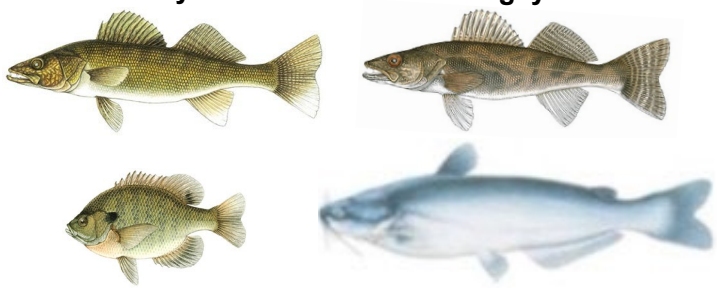
Water Sources: Two wells onsite and Buckeye Lake water transported through the adjacent Ohio-Erie Canal.

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

Staff: 4 full-time and 2 seasonal personnel

Fish Production and Stocking in 2024:

- Saugeye: 2.1 million fry and 2.5 million fingerlings
- Walleye: 1.9 million fry and 558,726 fingerlings
- Bluegill: 10,000 catchables



Walleye **Saugeye** **Bluegill** **Blue Catfish**

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 wildohio.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 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.