

Country Fish Farm, LLC



Pond and Lake Stocking Information

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Visit our website at:

www.missourifishfarms.com

Fish Species Available For Stocking



Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass are one of the most popular sport fish in America. They are a predator species, perfect for keeping Bluegill and Crappie populations manageable.

Bluegill

Bluegill are a must for bass ponds, their ability to reproduce multiple times a year provide plenty of forage for growing bass. They're an easy fish to catch, fun for all ages, and they taste great too.



Hybrid Bluegill

Hybrid Bluegill more aggressive feeders and grow faster than bluegill. They can be stocked with most other fishes. Hybrids are known to be an easy aggressive catch and taste just as good as bluegill.

Channel Catfish

Catfish are easy to manage, eat just about anything, and are easy to catch. They can grow to larger sizes in the smallest pond, and tolerate even the worst of water quality conditions.



Grass Carp

Grass carp are a perfect species for aquatic weed control. They are a strictly plant eating fish and do not reproduce in ponds.

Black Crappie (Seasonal)

Crappie are fun to catch and great to eat, and are among the most sought out species to catch. Crappie are always recommended to be stocked along side bass to help reduce the chance of crappie overpopulation.



Fathead Minnows and Golden Shiners

Primarily used as bait for fishing or for supplementary feeding of other larger fish like bass, crappie, or bluegill. Bait fish added to ponds increase the food available for other species and increase growth rates.

We also offer Redear Sunfish, Goldfish, Koi, and Albino Catfish.

State-Wide Pond and Lake Stocking



- From small farm ponds to large lake developments we stock all ponds Missouri-wide.
- We offer various sizes of the species we produce for ponds both old and new.

Multiple Transport Options Available

We currently offer three methods for stocking fish into your pond, personal delivery, fish day store pick-up, or pick-up at our farm.

Delivery

The hassle-free method of transport.

Have trained professionals personally deliver and release your fish order into your pond.

Our quality assurance program **guarantees** our fish for 7-days after we stock.

Deliveries are scheduled at dates and times most convenient for you.

Fish Day Stores

We have various store locations around the state that aid you in stocking your own pond.

Place your order at a local store near you, then pick up your order straight from our truck at the scheduled time and date.

Find a store near you and view our upcoming schedule at: missourifishfarms.com/fish-day

Farm Pick-up

Visit our farm and pick-up your order.

We load your order for you.

Access to various different sizes and species not available at fish day stores.

Questions?

Contact us today to discuss your options or visit our website for information at:

www.missourifishfarms.com/transport-options



How Many Fish Should I Stock?

We use the Missouri Dept. of Conservation's suggested stocking rates for stocking all lakes and ponds. Stocking rates are based on the acreage of your pond.

Each of Missouri's counties have varying stocking rates due to different soil and water characteristics. And stocking rates vary for new and pre-existing ponds as well.

For more details call: 573-729-4383

Or for a detailed stocking guide visit our stocking guidelines page at: www.missourifishfarms.com/stocking



Create memories with your children or grandchildren

Custom Packages

- Traditional Species
- Variety Packages
- Trophy Bass or Crappie Ponds
- Catfish Ponds

We can create a custom package based on the unique characteristics of your pond. Contact us today.



We offer a variety of popular fish

What Size Fish Should Be Stocked?

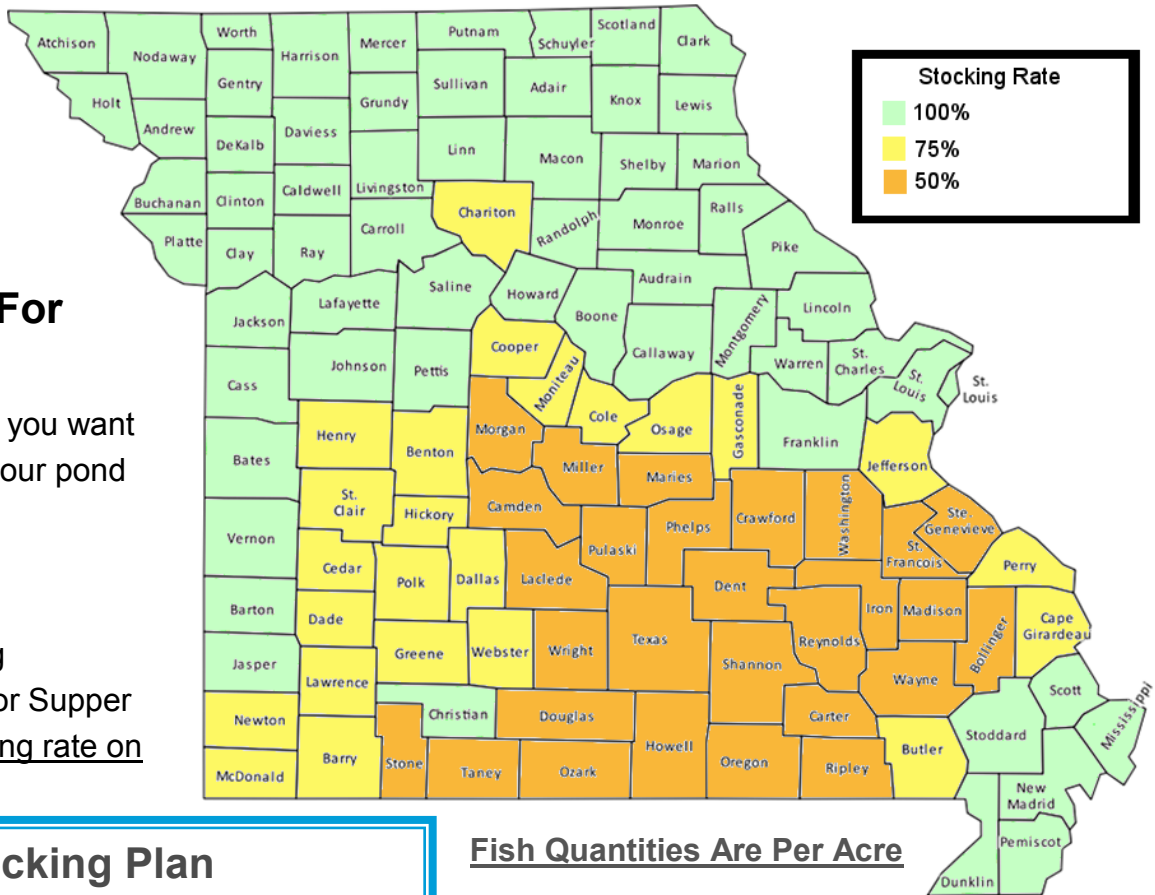
The size of fish you choose to stock your pond depends on when you want to start fishing, and your stocking budget.

Smaller fish are less expensive, but require more time to grow.

Ponds with existing populations may require larger fish to avoid being eaten.



Stocking Rates By County



Set a Goal For Your Pond!

Determine what you want to enjoy out of your pond experience:

- Trophy Fish
- Family Fun
- Easy Fishing
- Fresh Fish for Supper

Find your stocking rate on the map

Variety Stocking Plan

| Species | 100% | 75% | 50% |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Largemouth Bass | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| Bluegill | 350 | 250 | 150 |
| Hybrid Bluegill | 100 | 90 | 75 |
| Redear | 50 | 35 | 25 |
| Channel Catfish | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| Minnows | 5lbs. | 5lbs. | 5lbs. |

Fish Quantities Are Per Acre

Traditional Stocking Plan

| Species | 100% | 75% | 50% |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Largemouth Bass | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| Bluegill | 500 | 375 | 250 |
| Channel Catfish | 100 | 75 | 50 |
| Minnows | 5lbs. | 5lbs. | 5lbs. |

Crappie Pond

| Species | 100% | 75% | 50% |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Largemouth Bass | 50 | 35 | 25 |
| Bluegill | 500 | 375 | 250 |
| Black Crappie | 50 | 35 | 25 |
| Minnows | 10lbs. | 10lbs. | 10lbs. |
| Grass Carp | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Catfish Pond

| Feeding Rate | Catfish | Minnows |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| No Feed | 150 | 5lbs. |
| Occasionally | 300 | 5lbs. |
| Every Other Day | 400 | 5lbs. |
| Daily | 500 | 5lbs. |

Only Feed what fish will eat in 5-10 minutes

Pond Weed Control



We offer grass carp as a weed control species.

As well as an array of natural, bacterial pond conditioners and dyes to get your pond looking great in no time.

Personal Site Visits

We can visit your pond and determine the best steps to improve any issue that you may be facing.

Feeding Fish



Feeding your fish makes for faster growth, and allows you to stock more fish per acre.

Best ways to add food to your pond:

- Add minnows or shiners annually
- Feed a high protein feed a few times weekly

Caring For Your Pond



The beauty of a well managed lake

Benefits of Aeration

- Aeration increases water contact with the air to help increase oxygen levels in your pond. Fish require healthy oxygen levels to live, grow, and reproduce.
- Oxygen levels rise during the day and drop at night due to plant respiration. During the summer months oxygen levels can drop to fatal levels at night. Aeration prevents oxygen levels from reaching fatal levels.
- Use of aeration during winter also prevents pond freezing.
- We offer various sizes and models of pond aerators and fountains factory direct to pass the savings on to you.

For more details call: [573-729-4383](tel:573-729-4383)

Or for more details on all of our pond care products visit our website at: www.missourifishfarms.com/pond-care

How Do I Transport My Fish?

Transporting fish does not need to be a stressful task.

- Use only clean containers.
- Containers include livestock watering tanks, barrels, garbage cans, coolers, or totes to name a few.
- Bring lids, they keep the fish in and the sun out.
- Consider a small aerator to keep the water oxygenated.
- There is only so much oxygen available in your water, so head straight to you pond after you receive your order.
- **Don't** mix different sizes of fish they may eat one another!



We partner with MFA and Purina Feed Stores

Water Requirements

We recommend the following gallons of water for transport of 10-15 minutes:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>5 gallons</u> | <u>10 gallons</u> |
| 1-2 Grass Carp | 100 1-4" fish |
| <u>20 gallons</u> | <u>50 gallons</u> |
| 100 4-8" fish | 100 8-12" fish |
| or 4 lbs. of minnows | |

For each 5 minute increase in transport double the amount of water.

- Use fresh water from your pond.
- Don't use city water, it has chlorine, or well water, it lacks oxygen.
- Unfortunately, we don't have enough water to share.

Fish Day Stores

Fish days are quite simple:

- Find a store near you.
- Visit or call the store to place an order.
- Arrive on the scheduled date and time.
- Pay the store for your order.
- Take your receipt and enter the car line that leads to the truck.
- Present your receipt to the truck and we will fill your order.
- We count and weigh your order in front of you for accuracy.
- Drive to your pond and gently release them.



We can bag most species

Bagging

For \$2 a bag we can bag your order.

- Our bags made of thick plastic, filled with water, fish, and injected with oxygen.
- Fish will remain healthy in these bags for up to 3 hours
- We cannot bag catfish or large hybrid bluegill

Committed To Quality

It's not just about dropping in fish!

Our commitment is not only to stock a pond or lake with the correct type species and sizes of sport fish, but also in assisting you in achieving your specific fish stocking objectives and maintaining a healthy pond.

We can create a package that is just right for your pond stocking needs and budget.

Regardless of where your pond is located in Missouri, we can get your pond stocked by the means of several options. We offer direct delivery to your pond, pick-up at our farm, or at one of our Fish Day stores located throughout Missouri.

Pond Stocking With A Guarantee

When we stock you pond you have a full replacement guarantee for one week. If issues arise, we will have you covered.

Pond and Lake Stocking at it's Finest!

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our products and services.

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