



## 2019 FALL FISH SALE

### FISH FACTS



- ◇ The **Channel Catfish** is not only an outstanding food fish, it is an excellent sport fish. It is very popular because of its very fast growth rate when fed a commercial fish food. It is compatible in lakes and ponds with all species and works especially well with Hybrid Sunfish and Largemouth Bass.

Growth Rates: Up to 1 pound per year if fed a commercial feed.

- ◇ The **Hybrid Sunfish** is produced by crossing a male Bluegill with a female Green sunfish. This hybrid cross produces a 90% male, 10% female population. This makes the Hybrid Sunfish an excellent pond fish as it will not over populate. It also accepts artificial feed readily and grows to a much larger size than either parent, 1 – 2 pound fish are not uncommon.

Growth Rates: 1/4 – 1/2 pound per year if fed a commercial feed.

- ◇ The **Largemouth Bass** is one of the most popular sport fish in America. It is a predator and works well to help control stunted Bluegill and Crappie populations. By nature this fish will not accept artificial feed, but our supplying fishery does raise Largemouth that do accept the same feed that Channel Catfish and Hybrid Sunfish eat. This greatly increases their growth rates.

Growth Rates: 1/2 – 3/4 pound per year.

- ◇ **Bluegill** fit much of the description of the Hybrid Sunfish except they do not grow as quickly and tend to overpopulate much more rapidly than Hybrid Sunfish.
- ◇ **Black Crappie** are recommended only for ponds greater than five acres in surface area. In smaller ponds they tend to over-reproduce and form a stunted population even when subjected to predation by largemouth bass. They do not readily accept a commercial diet. Stock at a rate of 100 per surface acre.
- ◇ **Redear** are recommended for deeper ponds and can be stocked along with Bluegill or Hybrid Sunfish. They are a deep water fish, feeding on snails or clams, and are usually harder to catch except during spawning season when they are in the shallows.
- ◇ The **Triploid Grass Carp** is a viable alternative to using chemicals for weed control. This fish will not reproduce and when the proper numbers are stocked, will totally eliminate the need for ever using chemicals or mechanical weed cutters. However, Grass Carp will only eat pond weeds. Algae problems must be treated chemically, and cattails are best treated mechanically, either by digging them out by hand or with a backhoe or cutting them off in the late fall so ice will form over the surface of the stem which will cause the plant to die from lack of oxygen intake. Stocking rates for each lake will be different, depending on the amount of weed present. These Carp eat most aggressively in the hot, summer months, and good results are usually seen after a second season. Total eradication of plant cover in a pond is not a desired effect, as it's good to have at least 40% vegetative plant cover.
- ◇ **Fathead Minnows** should be stocked in new ponds. They should also be stocked prior to stocking Largemouth Bass so they have an opportunity to spawn and provide plenty of feed for the young Bass. Fathead Minnows should be stocked at 5 pounds per surface acre.

*\*NOTE FOR GRASS CARP ORDERS: It is very important to fill out the exact location of the pond on the order form under*

*County, Township and Section, and return the order form by **October 4**, as the fishery must apply for permits from the*

## GCSWCD FALL 2019 FISH SALE ORDER FORM

SPECIES	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Channel Catfish	4-6"	\$.85 each		
	6-8"	\$1.05 each		
	8-10"	\$1.30 each		
Albino Catfish	6-8"	\$1.45		
Hybrid Sunfish	1-2"	\$90.00 for 250		
	3-5"	\$1.00 each		
	5-7"	\$1.45 each		
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	\$1.05 each		
	5-8"	\$3.35 each		
Bluegill	1-2"	\$90.00 for 250		
	3-5"	\$1.00 each		
Crappie (Black or Hybrid)	2-3"	\$75.00 for 100		
Redear	1-2"	\$90.00 for 250		
*Triploid Grass Carp	8-11"	\$14.25 each		
Fathead Minnows		\$14.25 per pound		
*Triploid Grass Carp orders are due by <b>October 4th</b> . All other fish orders must be received by <b>12 PM, October 15th</b> .			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If ordering Triploid Grass Carp:

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Township Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp#: \_\_\_\_\_ Range#: \_\_\_\_\_



**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER!**  
 Please make checks payable to: Grundy County SWCD  
 3605 N. Illinois Route 47, Suite B, Morris, IL 60450



*Fall Fish Sale Pick-Up will be **Monday, October 21st**.  
 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the SWCD Office.*

**Important Information: 8-10" and larger Channel Catfish CANNOT be bagged. Please bring a clean container with POND water to transport these larger fish. Plastic trash cans work well.**