



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Neosho

National Fish Hatchery

Quick Facts

Hatchery Facts

- Established: 1888
- FY 2005 Budget: \$477,000
- Staff: six permanent
- Oldest operating federal fish hatchery

Geographic Area Covered

- Missouri-Ozark Ecosystem
- Kansas-Platte Rivers
- Lower Missouri River

Hatchery Mission

- Raise endangered pallid sturgeon for recovery effort in Lower Missouri River
- Raise rainbow trout for Lake Taneycomo
- Protect the endangered blind Ozark cavefish
- Raise freshwater drum to serve as “host fish” for rearing the Neosho mucket mussels
- Provide environmental education

Fish Species and Capability

- 225,000 (over 85,000 lbs.) 9.5 - 10-inch rainbow trout
- 3,000 9-inch endangered pallid sturgeon
- Maintain blind Ozark cavefish stock
- Experimental juvenile mussel rearing

Public Use Opportunities

- Over 45,000 visitors annually
- Blind Ozark cavefish display and portable display for off-site presentations
- Hatchery tours
- Off-site presentations
- Walking/exercise perimeter road inside hatchery
- Display room
- Aquariums



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