

Pvt John Allen National Fish Hatchery

American tax dollars at work for you



Average annual economic benefits generated by recreational fish production at Pvt John Allen NFH

Angling Days: 12,614

Retail sales: \$408,300

Jobs created: 8

Salary and wages earned: \$187,900

Motor fuel tax: \$28,600

State income tax: \$5,500

Federal income tax: \$22,900

Total economic output: \$772,900

Budget for recreational fish production: \$112,500

A Part of American Life

Established in 1901, Private John Allen National Fish Hatchery is located in Tupelo, Mississippi. The hatchery is named after the representative who appealed to the Congress in his famous 'hatchery speech': "Fish will travel overland for miles to get into the water we have at Tupelo . . . thousands and millions of unborn fish are clamoring to this Congress today for an opportunity to be hatched at the Tupelo hatchery."

Today, quality water helps ensure a quality brood stock of Gulf Coast walleye, the only one in the nation. Behemoths like paddlefish, alligator gar, and lake sturgeon are cultured there for restoration projects. Striped bass are also produced and stocked as part of a large national restoration effort. National Wildlife Refuges are benefited by thousands of largemouth and bluegill produced and stocked by

the hatchery. Private John Allen NFH raises a variety of fish specifically to host the parasitic stage of mussels as part of a multi-hatchery mussel conservation partnership.

Every taxpayer \$1 turns into \$4.87 of net economic value when it is invested in recreational fish production at Pvt John Allen NFH.

The Economic Impact

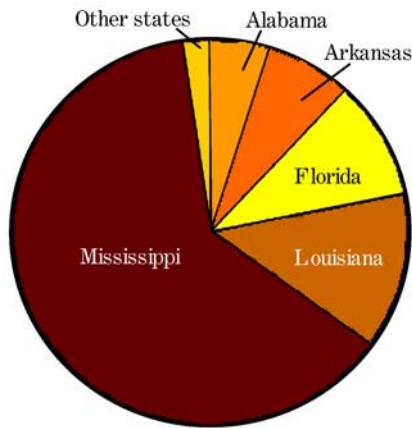
Warmwater fish stocked for recreational fishing, such as largemouth bass, bluegill, striped bass and walleye, have a tremendous economic impact. For every tax dollar spent for recreational fish production at Pvt John Allen NFH, \$4.87 of net economic value is created. This amounts to a total economic output of more than a quarter million every year. This economic stimulus comes from taxes generated, jobs created, and retail sales (like gas, food, lodging, rods and reels, and bait and tackle), all of which are created because of the recreational fish stocked out of Pvt John Allen. The amount of taxes generated in one year alone could make up half the entire budget for Pvt John Allen NFH's yearly recreational fish production. Pvt John Allen NFH is one of eight National Fish Hatcheries across the Southeast that are responsible for \$26.8 million in annual economic benefits through warmwater recreational fish production.

Economic Stimulus in Mississippi

To the economy of the state of Mississippi where Pvt John Allen NFH stocks its half million plus fish each year, a whopping \$714,000 is infused every year. That includes more than \$369,900 in retail sales, \$54,000 in taxes generated, and the creation of 8 jobs with salary and wages of \$171,300. National Fish Hatchery System stocked recreational warmwater fish contribute 11,025 angler days to the state of Mississippi --a source of economic stimulus and important quality-of-life benefits.



Private John Allen NFH fish stocking by state, annual average 2002-2005



Pvt John Allen NFH's contributions to the American people go far beyond dollar values. Its work with populations of interjurisdictional fish, threatened and endangered aquatic species, and public outreach and education are critical parts of the hatchery's mission.

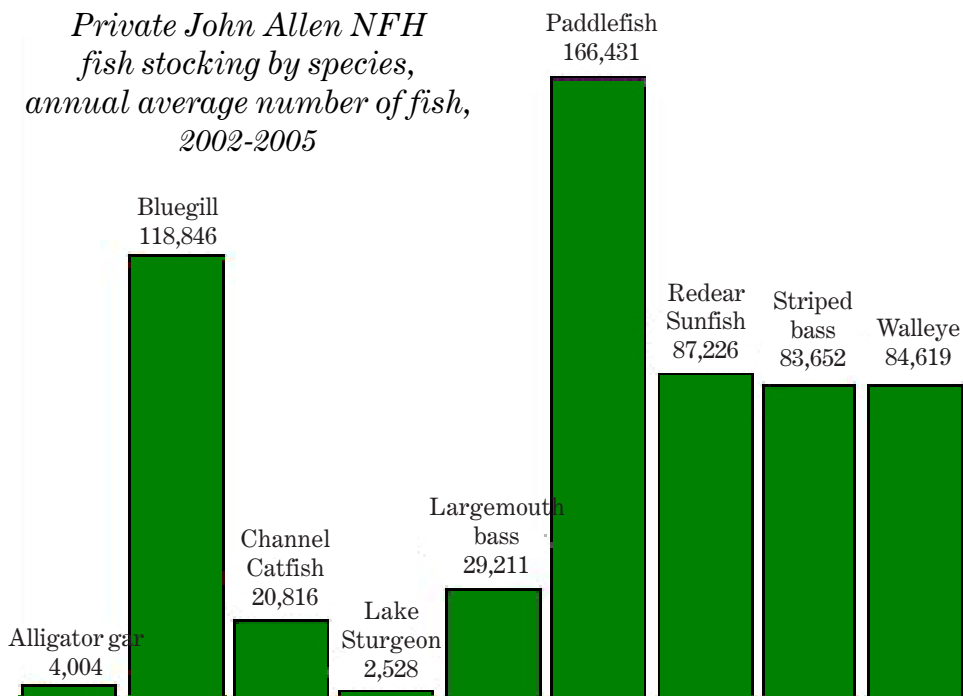
Above: Biologists survey alligator gar. The hatchery is developing spawning and rearing techniques for this prehistoric fish, and assists in its reintroduction to several areas in the Southeast.

Top right: Lake sturgeon are marked for identification. Pvt. John Allen NFH is developing culture and evaluation techniques for this species in the Tennessee River system.

Bottom right: Hatchery manager Ricky Campbell guides high school biology students through a lesson in aging fish.



Private John Allen NFH fish stocking by species, annual average number of fish, 2002-2005



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