

Bluegill: This fish species fit much of the description of the Hybrid Sunfish except they do not grow as quickly and tend to overpopulate much more rapidly than the Hybrid Sunfish.

Hybrid Bluegill: This species is produced by crossing a male Bluegill with a female Green Sunfish. This hybrid cross produces a 90% male, 10% female population, which make the Hybrid Sunfish an excellent pond fish, as it will not over populate. Larger sizes are an excellent choice for children's fishing derbies. The Hybrid sunfish readily accepts artificial feed and grows to a much larger size than either parent (1-2 lb. fish are not uncommon). Growth rate is about 1/4 - 1/2 lb. per year.

Redear Sunfish: This fish is also know as a Shellcracker. Redear can grow up to 4 lbs., however most commonly they average about 1-1 1/2 lbs. The Redear prefer bottom of clear, quiet waters with moderate vegetation. They will spawn when water reaches 60-70 degrees in the deeper water and they nest in colonies. Primarily a Redear will eat snail and clams, but they will also eat insect larvae, small crustaceans' and insects.

Channel Catfish: This fish species is not only an outstanding food fish; it is an excellent sport fish. It is compatible in lakes and ponds with all species and works well with Hybrid Sunfish and Largemouth Bass. Growth rates are approximately 1 pound per year if fed commercial feed. Larger sizes are a good choice for fishing derbies.

Black Crappie: Black Crappie are silvery olive with numerous black spots irregular spaced over the body and have 7-8 dorsal spines. The Black Crappie can grow to be 5 lbs., however they are usually less than 2 lbs. It is recommended not to put Crappie in any body of water that is less than five surface acres.

Largemouth Bass: This fish species is one of the most popular fish. They are predators and work well to help control stunted Bluegill and crappie populations. By nature this fish will not accept artificial feed.

Fathead Minnows: This fish species 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 young Bass. Suggested stocking rate is 5 lbs. per acre.

Triploid Grass Carp: This fish species is an alternative to using chemicals for weed control. This fish will not reproduce when the proper numbers are stocked. The need for chemicals or mechanical weed cutters for weed control will be eliminated. Grass Carp will only eat pond weeds. Algae problems must be treated chemically. Cattails are best treated mechanical, either by digging them out by hand or with a back hoe 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 pond is different, depending on weed severity; 3-5 fish per acre in a pond with severe weed problems are suggested. This Carp eats most aggressively in the summer. Good results are usually seen after a second season. For continued control of severe weed problems, fish should be restocked every 3 to 5 years.

All proceeds generated from the SWCD fish sale go to continuing conservation efforts in the Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The District cannot accept responsibility for size or viability of fish.
Size and description as stated by the fish farm. NO REFUNDS.

Conserving Our Land Today For Tomorrow

The Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District is a locally operated unit of government functioning under Illinois Law.

Our purpose is to promote the protection, maintenance, improvement and wise use of the soil, water and related resources within the District.
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2026 Pond Stocking Fish Sale



Order Deadline: April 3, 2026

(815) 965-2392, Ext. 3
winnebago.co.swcd@gmail.com

**Winnebago County SWCD
2026 Spring Fish Sale**

Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

**ORDER DEADLINE
APRIL 3, 2026**

**ORDER PICK-UP
APRIL 23, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.
at the District office**

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
(check, cash, money orders & credit cards)

Send order form & payment to:
Winnebago County SWCD
4833 Owen Center Rd.
Rockford, IL 61101

To pay by credit card (service fees apply) go to
www.winnebago.swcd.org & click the IL Epay
logo. If paying by credit card, order forms must
be emailed to winnebago.co.swcd@gmail.com
or mailed.

Species	Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
Regular Bluegill	1-2"	\$1.00 each		
	3-5"	\$1.50 each		
Hybrid Bluegill	1-2"	\$1.00 each		
	3-5"	\$1.50 each		
Redear	2-4"	\$1.50 each		
Channel Catfish	4-6"	\$1.25 each		
	6-8"	\$1.50 each		
Black Crappie	3-4"	\$2.00 each		
Largemouth Bass	3-4"	\$2.00 each		
Fathead Minnow	1-3"	\$14.75/pound		
Triploid Grass Carp (fill out yellow box below)	8-11"	\$15.50 each		
			TOTAL	\$

****If ordering Triploid Grass Carp, please fill out the information below:**

The exact location of the pond needs to be on this form - county, township, range and section must be filled out.

Water Name: _____ Owner's Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Physical Address: _____

County: _____ Township #: _____ Range #: _____ Section #: _____

Lat/Long: _____ Do you have 100% ownership of pond:

Acres: _____ # of fish: _____ Yes _____ No _____

Waterbody/Facility location description: _____