

SWCD ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR TROUT

If you are thinking about stocking your pond with trout, now is the time! As a public service program, the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for its Annual Trout Stocking Program.

This year's program includes: 4" - 6" Rainbow Trout @\$150/hundred. 4" - 6" Brook Trout @ \$ 160/hundred

Interested pond owners may purchase trout in multiples of 10 with no maximum. The recommended stocking rate is 200-300 Brook Trout per surface acre of pond and 150-200 Rainbow Trout per surface acre of pond.

The majority of farm ponds in Delaware County are not suitable for trout reproduction. Therefore, it may be necessary to restock your pond every two to three years, depending upon fishing pressure.

Generally, the pond should not be shallower than 10 feet deep, with bottom water temperatures not exceeding 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Surface water temperatures should not exceed 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Small variances over short periods of time, however, will generally yield satisfactory results.

All orders must be prepaid by Monday, October 4th. The pickup date is Saturday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. sharp in the District parking lot in Walton.

For more information and order forms, please contact the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, 44 West Street, Suite 1. Walton, NY 13856 (607) 865-7161 or visit our website at dcswcd.org.

Please note: New York State Fish and Wildlife Law requires that you first secure a Farm Fish Pond License before releasing any species of fish into your pond. You must present this license when you pick up your trout. These licenses are free of charge by the NYS DEC in Stamford. Pond owners thinking about taking advantage of our Trout Stocking Program on October 9th should secure their applications now and have them returned to DEC in Stamford as soon as possible. Application forms are available from this SWCD and DEC. Send your completed pond stocking applications to: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, 65561 State Highway 10, Suite 1, Stamford, NY 12167 (607) 652-7366.