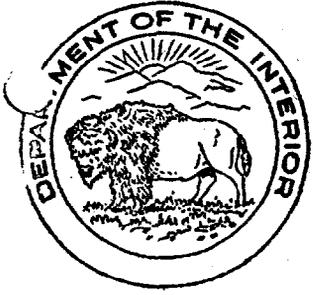


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### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Farm ponds in the United States received almost  $5\frac{1}{2}$  million young fish from hatcheries operated by the Fish and Wildlife Service during the past year, Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug announced today.

Individual farm ponds totaling 9,529 were planted with largemouth black bass, bluegill sunfish and ten other species of fish. The demand was 75 percent greater than for the previous year, and appears to be growing as the benefits of the farm pond become better known.

Service Director Albert M. Day pointed out that these small ponds, mostly 1 to 5 acres in area, will produce from 200 to 300 pounds of fish per acre annually in the South if properly fertilized and fished. To assist in management of this enterprise, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago 54, Ill., has available for free distribution the following publications: Fishery Leaflet 17, "The Construction of Farm Ponds," Fishery Leaflet 27, "Farm Fish Ponds And Their Management," and Fishery Leaflet 65, "An Outlet Gate For Farm Fish Ponds."

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