

# Norfolk

## National Fish Hatchery

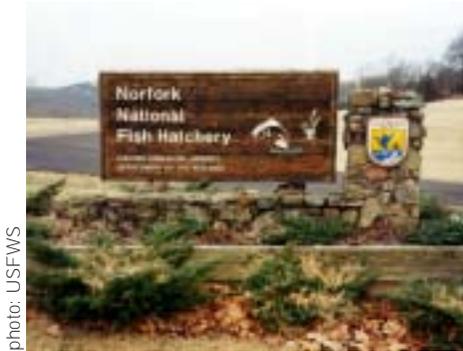


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### Station Facts

- Established: 1957.
- Number of staff: eight permanent.
- Geographic area covered: Mitigation in eastern Oklahoma and the White River Basin in Northern Arkansas.
- Annual budget (FY03) \$680,000.

### Economic Impact

- Norfolk NFH has a significant economic impact. For each \$1 spent of budget expenditures, \$5.86 tax revenue was generated. The total economic effect for trout production at the hatchery (1999 dollars) is \$91,162,000.

### Station Goals

- Provide statutory mitigation fish for Eastern Oklahoma and the White River Basin in Northern Arkansas.
- Provide environmental education.

### Fish Species and Capability

- Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout and brown trout.
- Present production is 500,000 lbs. annually.

### Public Use

- 280,000 visitors annually.
- Hatchery tours.
- Off-site presentations.
- Fishing for the disabled and for those 15 and under in Dry Run Creek.

### Calendar of Events

**June:** National Fishing week, Annual Fishing Derby.

### Questions and Answers

*What do you feed the fish?*

We feed a commercially prepared diet produced specifically for trout. It contains all the essential elements necessary for growth and development.

*Where do you get the eggs?*

We do not have any Rainbow or Cutthroat Broodstock. Most of these eggs are received come from Ennis, Montana; Erwin, Tennessee; and White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Norfolk maintains Brown Trout Broodstock and takes eggs from those fish in November.

*How many fish are in a raceway?*

15,000-100,000 fish are in a raceway, depending on the size of the fish.

*What kinds of fish do you raise?*

Rainbow trout, brown trout and cutthroat trout.

*What size are the fish when they are stocked?*

Most of the fish are stocked when they are 11" long.