

Sportfish Pond Stocking Rates

It is very important to stock the right species of fish at the correct rate.
See Table I below for stocking a largemouth bass, bream and catfish pond.

Species	Rate per Surface Acre	Comments
Bluegill (bream)	400	Stock in fall or early winter.
Red Ear Sunfish	100	Stock in fall or early winter.
Largemouth Bass	50	Stock in the spring.
Channel Catfish	50 (minimum of 100)	Stock in fall or early winter.

For catfish ONLY ponds, see Table II

Table II Channel Catfish Stocking for Sport Fishing

Pond Size	Stocking rate
Less than 1 acre	500 per acre
Larger than 1 acre	500 per pond or 50 per acre, whichever is greater

DO NOT stock species other than largemouth bass, bluegills, red ear sunfish, hybrid bream, channel catfish, hybrid striped bass, triploid grass carp or rainbow trout.

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