

# Yellow Perch: Egg Incubation, Hatching, Fry Estimation and Stocking

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### What do I do with it?

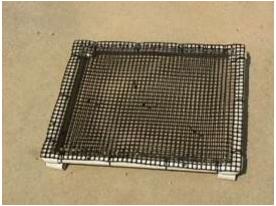


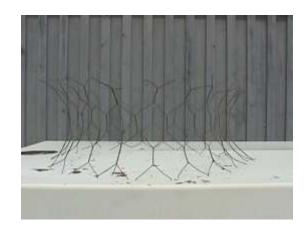


#### Incubation

- Estimate number of eggs (optional)
- Check for fertilization
- Transfer to incubation tank
- Ribbons incubated individually in small tanks (40 L/10 g) for 10-14 days at 12 ° C/55 ° F
- Low daily dose of formalin (25-50 ppm) in well water
- Pond water incubation in tanks unsuccessful
- Maintain optimum WQ
- 5-20 days depending on Temperature





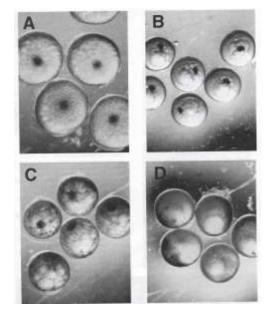




## Indoor Egg Incubation

- Egg will turn brown and fall apart during development
- Dead eggs will fungus
- Monitor eggs with microscope
- Look for dark eyes





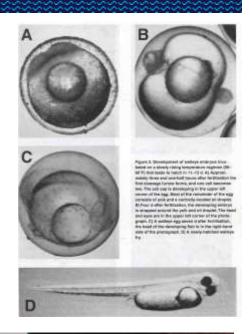


# Hatching Fry

- Jim Held method WI
  - Use drill and paint stirrer to help release larvae



- Increase aeration to agitate egg ribbon
- Let swim up for 3 days
- Monitor yolk sac







#### Volumetric Measurement

- Siphon fry from culture tank into a bucket
- Determine volume of bucket
- $V = 3.14 \times R^2 \times H$
- Use light aeration to evenly mix fry
- Take 3 small subsamples (100 mL)
- Count number of fry in each, obtain average number
- convert sample count to fry per liter







## Stocking Yellow Perch Fry

- Take fry to fertilized pond
- Fry do not like direct sunlight
  - Cover bucket
- Closely match water temperature, pH
- Let fry acclimate, do not leave
- Watch oxygen
- Release













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