

# Historical Hatcheries

Fish hatcheries were built early in the Commission's history and were used to grow American shad, **black bass**, trout and even frogs.

There are now 14 hatcheries in Pennsylvania. Some of the earliest hatcheries are still in operation today. Four of them are over 100 years old. These facilities have produced millions of fish for Commonwealth anglers.



The Corry State Fish Hatchery is the oldest hatchery still operating and was built in 1876. In 1886, the first brown trout eggs from Germany were raised and stocked by the staff at Corry State Fish Hatchery.

The Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery opened in 1903. The first chain pickerel propagated in the United States was from Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery. Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery continues to raise pike, pickerel, walleyes, catfish, muskellunge and black bass.



The Pleasant Gap State Fish Hatchery, near Bellefonte, was opened in 1903. It was built next to train tracks, so fish could be hauled by boxcar.



**Black Bass:** Also known as largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.