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For the 2003 season, the Fish & Boat Commission plans to produce some 4 million adult trout for distribution in Commonwealth waters. Compared to the 2002 season, this figure represents an increase of about 200,000 adult trout.

New waters

Montour Run, Allegheny County. A 2.3-mile stream section extending from the SR 3077 bridge downstream to the SR 3074 bridge.

Harvey Creek, Luzerne County. An additional 1.2-mile section from the T-810 bridge downstream to the SR 1059 bridge.

Early warning waters

Chambers Lake, Chester County; Little Coon Creek, Forest County, 3.9 miles; Little Mill Creek, Jefferson County, 3.7 miles; McMurray Run, Butler County, 2.6 miles; Old Town Run, Cumberland County, 2 miles; Roaring Run, Fulton County, 3.3 miles; and Upper Hereford Manor Lake, Beaver County.

New Delayed-Harvest areas

Bermudian Creek, Adams County. In cooperation with private landowners, the Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the McSherrystown Fish and Game Club, a 1.0-mile section of Bermudian Creek will be added to the Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only (DHALO) program in 2003. The limits of this area will extend from the SR 1009 bridge (Wierman Mill) downstream to T-619 (Greenbrier Lane). Stocking will include a combination of brown and rainbow trout during the spring.

Middle Creek, Snyder County. In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and private landowners, a new DHALO area has been established on Middle Creek for the 2003 season. This area extends 1.2 miles from the SR 4007 bridge (Pine Swamp Road) downstream to the boundary of State Game Lands #188. This section will be stocked with a combination of brown and rainbow trout during the spring and fall.

Waters restored to the trout-stocking program

Stocking will be restored to the following stream sections and lakes. These waters return to the stocking program either as a result of the increase in the number of adult trout produced or by restoring water levels on lakes after a period of drawdown for maintenance. Asterisked waterways (*) were restored to the stocking program in 2002:

- Allegheny River, Potter County; Allen Creek, Somerset County; Antietam Creek, West Branch, Franklin County; Bailey Run, Potter County; Beaver Run, Clearfield County; Beaver Run, Columbia County; Beavard Run, Cambria County; Belmont Run, Elk County; Big Run, Juniata County; Blue Hole Creek, Somerset County; Bob's Creek, Bedford County; Boggy Run, Elk County; Boy Scout Dam, Centre County; Briar Creek, West Branch, Columbia County; Buffalo Creek, North Branch, Union County*; Caldwell Creek, Crawford and Warren counties; Chaney Run, Fayette County; Cooks Run, Clinton County; Corey Creek, Tioga County; Cowans Gap Lake, Fulton County; Cub Run, Somerset County; Dotters Creek, M onro e County; Drakes Creek, Carbon County; Dyberry Creek, Wayne County*; Fall Creek, Somerset County; Fishing Creek, Clinton County; Glade Run, Somerset County; Green Spring Creek, Cumberland County; H annas Run, Westmoreland County; H emlock Run, Warren County; Hickory Run, Little, Forest County*; H icks Run, West Branch, Cameron and Elk counties; Hollister Creek, Wayne County; Jack D ent Branch, Clearfield County*; J erry Run, Upper, Cameron County; Kings Creek, Sullivan County; Lackawaxen River, West Branch, Wayne County; Lehigh Creek, Little, Berks and Lehigh counties; Lehigh Creek, Little, Lehigh County*; Licking Creek, West, Huntingdon County; Licking Creek, West, Huntingdon and M ifflin counties; Lily Pond, Pike County; Long Run, Clinton County; Marsh Creek, Centre County; Martins Creek, Northampton County*; Martins Creek, Northampton County*; M auses Creek, Montour County; M ehoopany Creek, Wyoming County; Mill Creek, Berks County; Mix Run, Cameron County; M onocacy Creek, Northampton County*; M onocacy Creek, Northampton County*; M ountain Branch, Centre County; Mountain Creek, Cumberland County*; Muddy Run, Little, Clearfield County; Penns Creek, Centre County*; Piney Creek, Little, Somerset County; Pocono Creek, M onro e County*; Poe Creek, Centre County; Rauchtown Creek, Clinton County; Repine Run, Indiana County; R iggles Gap Run, Blair County; Rocky Run, Elk County; Sawmill Run, York County; Schrader Creek, Little, Bradford County; Shafer Run, Somerset County; Shannon Run, Westmoreland County; Shehawken Creek, Wayne County; Sixmile Run, Centre County*; Sixmile Run, Warren County; Slate Lick Run, Cambria County; Spring Creek, East Branch, Warren County; Standing Stone Creek, Huntingdon County; Stony Creek, Carbon County; Straight Creek, Elk County; Sugar Creek, East Branch, Venango County; Three Springs Creek, Bedford County; Trout Run, Lancaster County; unnamed tributary to Pine Creek, Berks County; V anscoyoc Run, Blair County; Walburn Run, Jefferson County; Waltz Creek, Northampton County; West Creek, Columbia County; White Deer Creek, Centre County; Wolf Run, Centre County*; Wright's Creek, Luzerne County; Wyalusing Creek, Middle Branch, Susquehanna County*; Yellow Breeches Creek, Cumberland County*; Young Womans Creek, Clinton County; and Young Womans Creek, Left Branch, Clinton County.