## NAVAJO NATION FISH HATCHERY

From Fry to Fish to Frying Pan







### Background

- Located in Toadlena, NM
- Began operation in March 1983
- Developed to ensure a continuous supply of stockable rainbow trout for Navajo Nation waters
- Raise rainbow trout from eyed eggs to approximately 6 inches for stocking
- Fish Biologist and 2 Fish Culturists





#### Recent Improvements

- Gravel road and fish loading areas
- Sod
- New raceways
- Lined ponds
- New signs







### The Hatchery Process

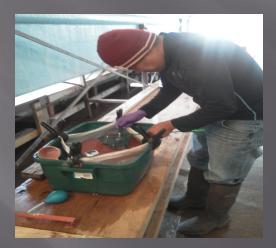
- Eggs
- Fry
- Fingerlings
- Stock size



#### Eggs

- Eggs received from USFWS hatcheries in March and November
- Water is tempered until it is the same temperature as eggs
- Eggs are placed in water and disinfected, sample count is performed to estimate number of eggs
- Water and eggs are brought back up to temperature of incubator water
- Eggs are placed in incubator
- Dead eggs are removed and counted twice daily
- Eggs remain in incubator until hatched and yolk sac is absorbed

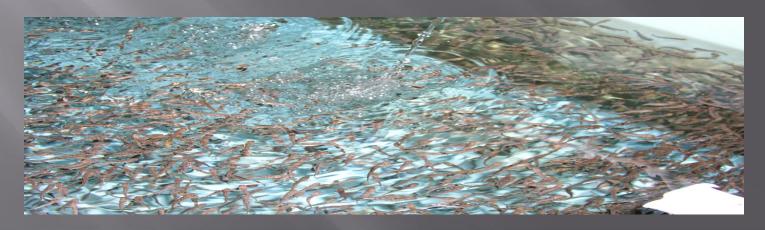






### Fry

- Fry are moved to raceways following absorption of the yolk sac
- Feeding begins at this time
- Fish are fed daily
- Number of daily feedings based on fish size
- Fish remain in raceways until 2-3 inches in length
- Sample counts begin to monitor fish growth





#### Fingerlings

- At 2-3 inches fish are moved into rearing ponds
- 2 rearing ponds at hatchery
- Feeding continues, as fish grow number of daily feedings decreases
- Feeding rates determined by water temperature, fish size, and number of fish
- Fish remain in ponds until stock out



### Stocking

- Fish remain in ponds until approximately 1 year of age
- Fish are stocked at approximately 6 inches
- Ponds are harvested and fish are stocked annually in March/April and October







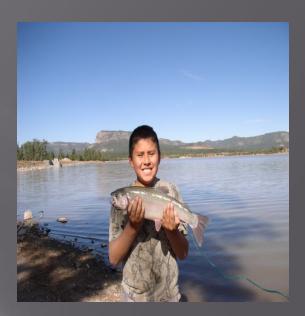
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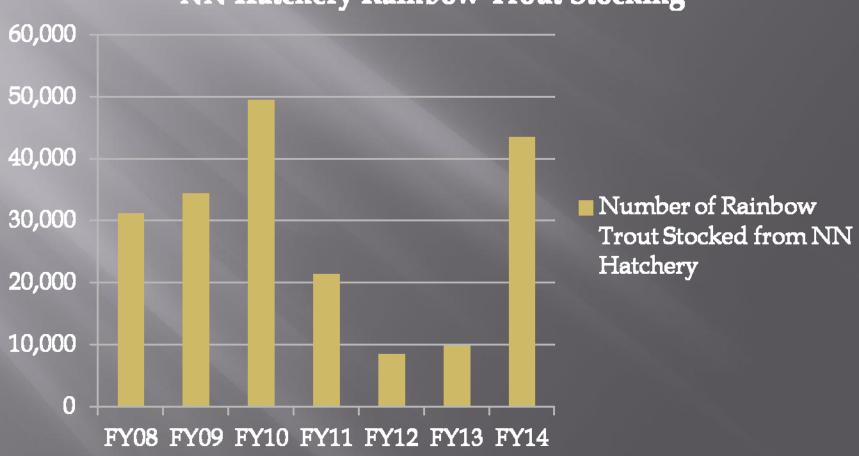






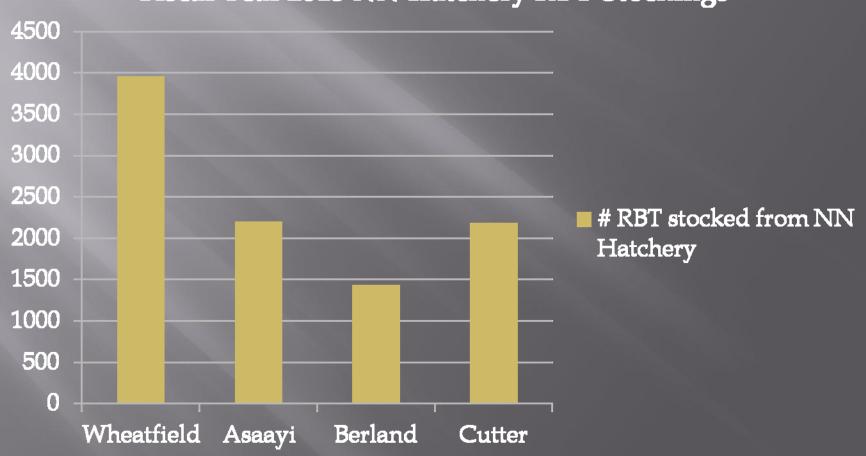
#### Stocking Data

#### NN Hatchery Rainbow Trout Stocking



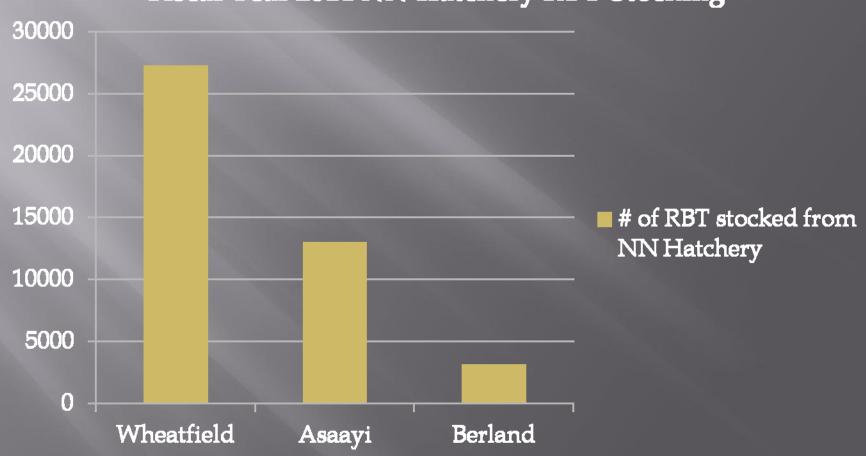
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#### Fiscal Year 2013 NN Hatchery RBT Stockings



#### Stocking Data

#### Fiscal Year 2014 NN Hatchery RBT Stocking



#### Visitors Welcome



# Questions???

