

Best Time For Suckers

Frankfort -- (Special) changing times have all but stopped a type fishing that in bygone years was most popular with many fishermen.

Prior to World War II, in early spring, in many sections of the state, fishermen waited eagerly for the sucker run to start. Once started fishermen gathered up their cane poles or rods and reels, a bucket of hand-picked red worms, a small container of selected hooks and small sinkers and headed up the stream to catch the migrating suckers as they moved onto the riffles to spawn.

These fishermen could be found on the banks of these streams, day or night, during the runs and usually caught large numbers of these fish.

Kentucky's major lake system has had much to do with the decline in sucker fishing. Nevertheless, suckers are still to be found in many streams, especially in Green, Red Salt and Licking rivers as well as in numerous smaller streams.

For a fishing thrill close to home during February and March, try the suckers. A half dozen cane poles or rods and reels will serve as the basic tackle. Red worms are the best bait. Use 100 split shot sinkers and small hooks, the size that will catch small bluegill.

One of the best areas for suckers is where a small stream feeds into the larger or main stream. It is there that the fish mill around and feed upon small tidbits



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being washed into the larger body of water.

Tait the hook so that the worm is able to wiggle at both ends and with the light sinker to allow the bait to lie upon the bottom where it may be found by the foraging sucker. Be alert for little rips at the line; then pick up the pole or rod and once the weight of the fish can be felt, set the hook in a similar manner to catching a cropper. Once a sucker has been hooked, hang on because he'll give you plenty of action.

A live net is fine for holding the catch but if a stringer is used caution is needed when stringing because of a very tender and soft mouth.

Suckers have bones that seem to be tied in bundles. After scaling and cleaning, cut in a crisscross pattern through the flesh to the backbone, salt, pepper to taste, roll in corn meal and fry in hot grease. This will allow the small bones to become crisp and will afford some of the finest flavored fish there is.

Miranda

Homemakers

by Mrs. Edgar Scott
The Miranda Homemakers met in the basement of the First National Bank on Wednesday Feb. 8 for an all day meeting. 15 members, Miss Charlene Darrell and Mrs. Margie Wilson attended. Lunch was enjoyed at Williams Restaurant.

Mrs. Carl Hughes, president, presided at the meeting. Favors to be used on the trays were made for Lincoln's birthday for both the hospital and the Johnson-Mathers Home.

The State meeting to be held in Lexington was discussed and our annual auction was held.

Our lesson "Fabrics for Curtains and Draperies" was given by Mrs. Maurice King. She showed samples of all the dif-

ferent fabrics on the market today and told how to best care for them.

The March meeting will be held at the Assembly Room.

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1. Can I produce more pounds on my acreage-poundage base than on my present acre base?
2. If so, can I do it with a three-year average, even with the risk of another acreage cut?
3. What will be my risk, under the present system, due to conditions beyond my control?
4. Is my land subject to causing water damage to my crop during wet seasons?
5. Can I withstand loss from scalding or black shank without having the privilege of producing more acres and more pounds the following year to offset my loss?
6. Is my tobacco being grown where it may be destroyed by flood?
7. Can I still get a top yield during a long drought?
8. Would I rather take my risk on hail and other hazards rather than have a guaranteed poundage base?
9. If I had been on acreage-poundage this year, couldn't I have let 35¢ green tobacco go in the stalk pile and replaced these pounds with 70¢ tobacco next season?
10. Could I buy insurance, such as that included in the acreage-poundage system?
11. Would I rather have acreage-poundage or be faced with another acreage cut?
12. Would I rather stay in the race for higher yields or grow an average crop to meet my poundage allotment?
13. Would I risk losing our price support by voting against acreage-poundage?
14. Could I compete with California growers if our program is lost?
15. How good would my credit be if tobacco lost its support?
16. What was it like before we had a support price on tobacco?
17. How do farmers who raise flue-cured tobacco like the acreage-poundage program after having it for two years?
18. Will the government continue to finance the price support program if we fail to keep our production on a sound basis?
19. Can I sell tobacco at the mercy of the buyers without a price support?

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