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Supplies of Carp 2005

Following the successful rearing of small carp in 2004, I have increased the number of fish for sale in 2005. This year I have some 50,000 carp growing on in six different ponds at two sites, one near Rugeley and the other close to Luton. Both are secure, unfished locations containing no other species.



The carp were stocked as four-month old individuals that were born in late January 2005 in the state-of-the-art coldwater fish hatchery at Rodbaston College, near Stafford. The parents were carp from Orchid Lakes, near Abingdon, and the Carp Society's Horseshoe Lake, near Lechlade – both venues known for specimen fish to 40lb+.

The fish are 50:50 commons and mirrors, with a high percentage of fully-scaled mirrors. They are characterised by the red tinge to the edges of the lower fins, a coloration which becomes more pronounced with age. The carp look fantastic and are as fat as butter.

They have the capability for extremely fast growth: some of the 2004 fish now weigh 3lb at just 20 months old, and they have the potential to grow to 30lb+ within 8-10 years!

The carp have been fed during the spring and summer on a complete, specialist carp pellet diet in ponds protected by anti-predators nets and overhead wires. By the time harvesting begins, in November, the fish will be at least 5oz average weight, with some individuals weighing more than 8oz.

Before sale, samples of fish will subject to independent health checks conducted by an accredited fish pathologist, and 'Section 30 Consent' (permission to stock the fish) will be arranged with the Environment Agency, if necessary

These carp can be ordered for any quantity subject to a minimum order of 600 fish (or 150lb total weight). They cost £6.00/lb, plus VAT, and 5% extra will be included free of charge to cover any accidental transfer or post-stocking mortalities. You may collect your fish during harvesting or have them delivered, in which case a 0.40p/mile delivery charge will apply.

The fish are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and the order book will be closed once all the fish have been allocated. To reserve your fish, contact Bruno Broughton at the letterhead address.

