

#2. Water Tank

The water tank, erected by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company in 1961, is over 22 feet high, with a diameter of 25 feet and a capacity of 74,500 gallons, or 25 percent more capacity than the Low-Pressure (LP) cistern it replaced. Although a 1958 map of the hatchery illustrates a “water tank” in this location, a different 1958 map does not illustrate a water tank in this area. Two 1954 maps indicate the LP cistern was still operative at that time, and the 1955 annual report makes no reference to a water tank. Expansion and modernization of the fish ponds and facilities at the hatchery, initiated in 1953, were completed in 1961 with installation of the water tank. The water tank was connected to the deep well systems at the hatchery and supplied fresh water for all domestic use on the property. The water tank remained operational until the 1990s.



Present-day overview of Water Tank, erected in 1961, facing northwest.