The Crawford Station was established in the Division of Fish Culture within the US Department of the Interior in 1927 under legislation sponsored by Congressman Robert G. Simmons of Nebraska. Located adjacent to the Fort Robinson Military Reservation, construction was begun in 1928; the first production season was 1932. Through the early 1970s, the hatchery produced all varieties of game fish, but since then ceased the production of warm-water species to concentrate on trout. The exact boundaries of its distribution area has varied, but it generally has included Nebraska's Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian Reservations.

One of several federal hatcheries scheduled for closure by September 30, 1983, the Crawford station remained open under federal auspices until July 1, 1984. At that time it was transferred to the State of Nebraska, which will operate it under revenues generated by a Trout Stamp.

The records of the US National Fish Hatchery, Crawford, Nebraska consist of eighty-three items on 3 rolls of microfilm, arranged in two series: (1) Annual Reports, 1929-1931; 1933-1983; and (2) Logs, May 11, 1928-June 15, 1968.

The annual reports contain summary data on fish production and distribution as well as narrative accounts of programs, activities, construction, and improvements at the facility. The logs give a daily account of events and staff activities.

These records were loaned for filming in July 1984 by Clarence Storbeck of the Fish Hatchery in Crawford.

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