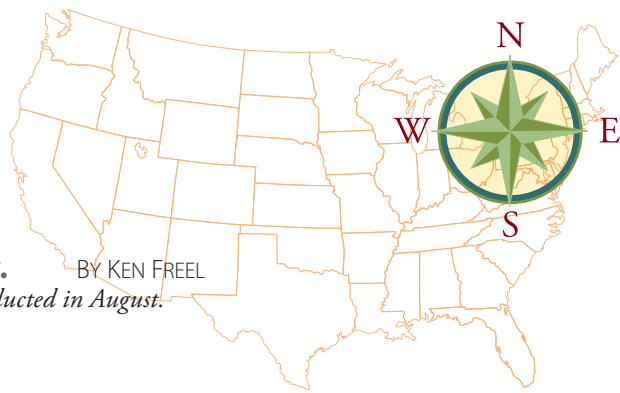


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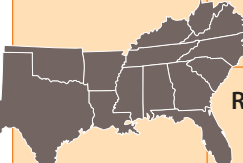







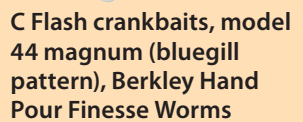
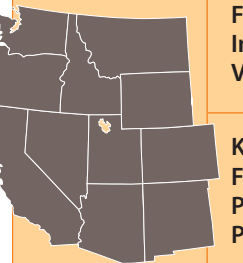

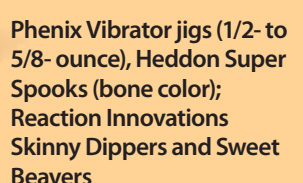


A spot check of what's selling around the country.

(Ed. Note: Interviews for this month's "What's Hot Where" were conducted in August.

Comments address what is selling at the time of the interviews.

Retailers interviewed are selected at random.)

Where	The Expert	Dominant Fishery	Rods & Reels	Line	Lures	Terminal Tackle	Overview
South 	Stephen Headrick, Dale Hollow 1 Stop; Celina, Tenn.	smallmouth, walleye	All Pro rods (medium-heavy and medium, 7-foot); Shimano Curado baitcasters			Water Gremlin sinkers and Mustad hooks (4/0 and 5/0 sizes)	"It's been good early in the morning and at night, especially for anglers using the new Punisher Castglow black light."
	Rickey Vess, Buster's Bait & Tackle; Huntsville, Ala.	largemouth, catfish	Tournament Series Bass Pro rods & Quantum Escalade baitcasters				Stren Original (clear blue) and Bass Pro Excel mono (17- to 20-pound tests)
Northeast 	Greg Bogan, Brielle Bait & Tackle; Brielle, N.J.	summer flounder (fluke), bluefish	Shimano's TR 100 and 200G levelwinds, Daiwa's Black Gold spinning reels and Penn's 550SSG spinning reels; Daiwa's Sealine rods and Star rods			Eagle Claw and Gamakatsu octopus-style circle hooks (1/0 to 2/0 sizes)	"Lots of fluke are being caught but not a lot of keepers. Small blues inshore and bigger ones for those on boats."
	Richard Rose, Surfstick Tackle; Taunton, Mass.	striped bass, bluefish	Newell conventional reels; custom rods with Lamiglas blanks				Hi-Seas and PowerPro braids (20- to 50-pound tests) and Ande Backcountry Blue mono (20- to 30-pound tests)
Midwest 	Brody Holden, The Angler; Hudson, Ind.	bluegill, largemouth	St. Croix Mojo rods and Shimano Symetre spinning reels			Gamakatsu wide gap hooks (2/0 size) and Mojo drop shot weights	"The bluegill are biting, but they've gone deep. Bass fishing is so-so with no fronts and no rain lately."
	Jerry Simpson, Jerry's Tackle Shop; Highland, Ill.	largemouth, catfish	Quantum Omega 2 reels and St. Croix medium action rods (6- to 7-foot lengths)				Berkley Trilene and Stren Original (8-, 10-, and 12-pound tests)
West 	Mike Thompson, Fisherman's Industry Supply; Ventura, Calif.	white sea bass, barracuda, albacore, California halibut	Avet's SX, MX conventional reels; Calstar rods (7- to 8-foot lengths, medium to medium-light)			Owner's Aki Twist and Mutu circle hooks; Mustad's Big Gun hooks (1/0 to 3/0)	"It's just starting to get good for white sea bass and California halibut."
	Kyle Cook, Fishermen's Choice Pro Shop; Phoenix, Ariz.	largemouth	Shimano Curado baitcasters; Shimano's Crucial and Cumara rods (7-foot, medium-heavy); G.Loomis casting rods				P-Line and Izorline XXX mono (green, 20- to 25-pound tests)

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