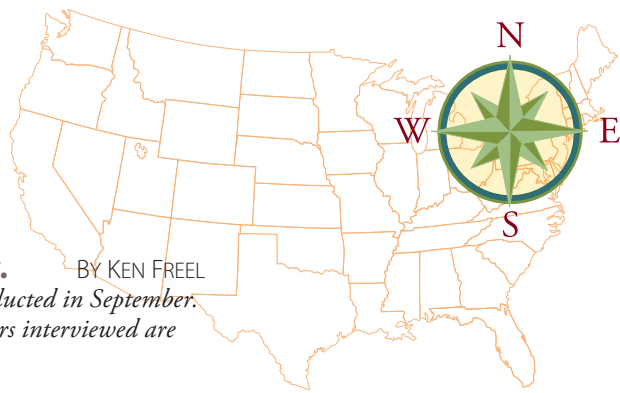
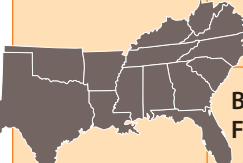



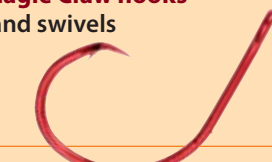

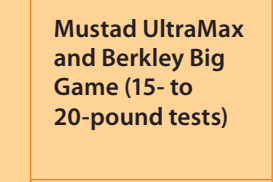



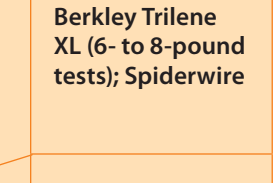
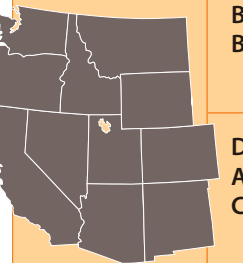



What's Hot Where



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

(Ed. Note: Interviews for this month's "What's Hot Where" were conducted in September. 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 	Earl Starkey, Foster General Store; Foster, Okla.	crappie, largemouth, flathead	Zebco and Shakespeare combos 		Storm baits 	Eagle Claw hooks and swivels 	"Crappie are starting to bite. Bass fishing has been steady, and anglers are jug fishing for big flatheads."
	Butch Bradley, Frank & Fran's Fisherman; Avon, N.C.	Spanish mackerel, bluefish, drum	Tica and Okuma rods (7- to 12-foot lengths); Okuma Avenger Baitfeeder spinning reels and Penn Slammer 560 spinning reels; Daiwa Saltist 20 & 30s conventional reels		Locally made Herbie Lures and Berkley Gulp	Eagle Claw, Gamakatsu and Owner circle hooks (5/0 through 7/0)	"It had been very good up to the last northeaster for bluefish, puppy drum and Spanish mackerel."
Northeast 	Chris Fulton, Stratford Bait & Tackle; Stratford, Conn.	bluefish, striper	Tsunami Airwave rods (8- to 10-foot); Shimano spinning reels and Penn Sargus SG 5000 & 6000 series spinning reels		Lordship Lures plugs and Super Strike poppers	Billfish and Sampo swivels; Gamakatsu circle hooks (6/0 to 8/0 sizes) 	"It's starting to pick up with more action with stripers and bluefish now that the temps are in the 50s."
	Tony Tochtermann, T.G. Tochtermann & Sons; Baltimore, Md.	striper, Spanish mackerel	Powell and St. Croix Avid series rods; Hardy-Greys fly rods and reels; Shimano Baitrunner, Daiwa Emcast and Penn's Sargus and Torque reels		PowerPro, Sufix Siege and Berkley Trilene XL	Sebiel hard baits, Shimano Butterfly jigs; Bass Assassin, Storm and Tsunami soft plastics 	Seaguar leaders, Sampo and Gamakatsu swivels; Daiichi circle and j-style hooks
Midwest 	Josh Harder, Rainy Lake One Stop; International Falls, Minn.	walleye, crappie, northern pike	Shimano's Stradic and Symetre reels; Fenwick HMX and Eagle GT rods		Northland Tackle Jig-N-Minnnows and One Stop customer spinners	Eagle Claw 1/0 hooks and Lindy Rigs	"The fishing has been excellent for walleye, some too big to keep!"
	Kathy McCann, Dillion Falls Store; Zanesville, Ohio	flathead, crappie, sauger	Zebco Hawg Seeker spinning reels; Shakespeare, Shimano and Abu Garcia rods		Stren braid, American Premier Pro Cat lines (30- to 50-pound tests)	Rapala and Rebel hard baits; Strike King buzzbaits; Berkley Gulp and Venom soft baits	Eagle Claw, Tru-Turn, South Bend and Mustad Hi-Tech swivels
West 	Curtis Hayes, Benicia Bait & Tackle; Benicia, Calif.	striped bass, sturgeon	St. Croix Avid casting reels; Shakespeare Ugly Stiks (light to medium action, 7-foot lengths)		Mister Twister soft baits, G. Pucci Flash striper jigs (white/ red head)	EChip sturgeon leaders; Owner hooks (octopus and kahle, 5/0 to 7/0)	"The striper bite is going on right now, while the sturgeon bite is productive."
	David Leinweber, Angler's Covey; Colorado Spring, Colo.	rainbow, brown, northern pike	Sage rods (9- foot, 5 weight); Ross Rhythm and Lamson Velocity fly reels		Rio and Scientific Angler lines	Umpqua's midges, nymphs and blue-winged olives	Orvis and Rio tippetts; Tiemco hooks (20 to 22 sizes)

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