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I never really figured the whole hook setting thing out for dries. Some days I bat near 1.000, while other days miss nearly every fish. When hooking is tough I try to set quickly or try to delay to see what it takes to hook them that day.

One thing I have learned though, is to try delay setting the hook when fishing dries downstream. The delay allows the fish to turn down. Setting the hook immediately when the fish are downstream of you usually pulls it out of their mouth.

I've sat and watched fish feed on the surface. Sometimes they follow the fly and suck it in. Other times they charge the fly and turn down immediately. Fish react differently on different streams, maybe because of fishing pressure and or predators. They also may take differently depending on what's hatching and the water type (flow and depth) they're in.