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Re: Reel Question

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I would largely agree with you. A \$50 reel holds line just as efficiently as a \$300 reel. When it comes to reels you're paying for the drag...components and quality. For small stream fishing you'll never need the drag...Nearly all of the fish are too small to require it and if you do hook into a hog it won't have anywhere to run on a small stream. Your challenge will be keeping it away from submerged boulders, logs, and other things it it can wrap you around...which the drag won't help with.

Yeah, more expensive reels tend to be lighter, but even \$50 reels will still usually balance a light rod just fine.