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Like anything, price is not necessarily reflective of quality, but there is a correlation.

\$1.00/fly is skimping somewhere, IMO. Not that it's a terrible thing to support skimping. But I don't care how quick you are at the vice, go tie a whole bunch of decent quality flies, sell them for a buck. After materials expenses, tell me how much money you made per hour.

A lot of local shops who tie many of their own flies, then sell them for \$2.50 or \$3.00, they still ain't making much money on flies. The higher quality flies may, however, get you into their shop, where you may buy something else.

There is a big difference between good quality flies and bad ones. Regarding how well they are dressed, how well they float, how long they last after catching a number of fish, the quality of the hook and how long it stays sharp, etc. But I won't attack anyone for buying cheap, low quality stuff. It gets my dander up a bit if they don't know the difference and the trade-offs. But if you know the trade-off, accept it, and choose to buy cheap anyway, that's fine. And if you find decent quality stuff cheap, more power to ya. A better mousetrap. Maybe a machine tie makes very good stuff. In which case, somebody will be employed designing, making, and servicing the machine, and that is perhaps more likely to be an American job.