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A December electrofishing survey on a stocked trout/wild trout stream was conducted in York County. This stream has been stocked since the 1950's and has now developed a substantial wild Brown Trout population. Biological surveys occurred at the same sampling site in 1978, 1996, and 2013. In 1978, one trout was captured in 300 m of electrofishing. It is unknown whether it was stocked or wild. In 1995, 16 wild trout were captured in 230 m of electrofishing. In December, 2013, 99 wild Brown Trout were captured in the first of three electrofishing passes through 284 m of the stream. The 2013 biomass was 60 kg/ha, the equivalent of a Class A biomass. The abundance of 9 inch and longer wild Brown Trout per mile exceeded the statewide 90th percentile for that statistic, indicating along with the biomass an excellent wild Brown Trout population.

By the way, the sampling site began at a bridge, which is typically attractive to anglers, and effectively overlapped all or part of a stocking point.