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JayL, I don't think Penns ever got fingerling bows. Fingerling browns though were definitely planted, but did not last more than a season or two. They just disappeared over time.

And here is an interesting [article](#) re hatchery reared steelhead. While the article does not speak of trout, I would venture to guess some of their findings would apply to stream-dwelling trout.

*"If anyone ever had any doubts about the genetic differences between hatchery and wild fish, the data are now pretty clear," said Michael Blouin, an OSU professor of zoology. "The effect is so strong that it carries over into the first wild-born generation. Even if fish are born in the wild and survive to reproduce, those adults that had hatchery parents still produce substantially fewer surviving offspring than those with wild parents. That's pretty remarkable."*