Blue Ridge Aquaculture in Ridgeway, already the largest fishery in the nation, builds an innovative new facility.

**Fish story**

**By the numbers**

Blue Ridge Aquaculture produces 10 million pounds of fish a year, coming out to a million pounds of fish a month. The company ships the fish across the nation, and the fish are also sold for personal use on-site. The operation is housed in a 14,000 square foot building.

The company's owner, Bill Burgess, says the new facility will allow them to expand their operations and increase their production. The new facility includes a fish nursery, processing plant, and research lab.

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**Cycle of life**

The fish begins its life as a fry in a greenhouse-like structure with two long ponds, one along each side, where the breeding stock is kept.

The fry are moved to broodstock tanks for rearing. When the fry are ready to be harvested, they are moved to a holding tank and then to a processing area for processing.

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**Blue Ridge Aquaculture**

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**Friendly fish**

The new facility will be the largest of its kind in the region and will include a fish nursery, processing plant, and research lab. The facility will allow Blue Ridge Aquaculture to expand their operations and increase their production of whitefish.

The new facility will also include a fish nursery, which will allow Blue Ridge Aquaculture to produce fry for sale to other fish farmers. The nursery will be able to produce up to 10 million pounds of fish per year.

The new facility is expected to create jobs in the local community and will help to boost the local economy. The facility is also expected to have a positive impact on the environment, as it will reduce the need for imports and will help to conserve fish populations.

**Innovative building**

Blue Ridge Aquaculture's new facility is designed to be energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. The building is constructed with sustainable materials and features energy-efficient systems. The facility is also designed to be easily expandable, allowing Blue Ridge Aquaculture to increase their production as needed.

The facility is expected to be completed in late 2023, and Blue Ridge Aquaculture is excited to begin using the new facility to expand their operations and increase their production of whitefish and other North American species.