

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY
CATFISH DIVISION**

NOTE: Please answer questions that pertain to your operation if you are entering the OYFF Contest as a catfish producer.

General Information

1. How many years have you been involved in aquaculture? _____
2. What is the total land acreage of your farm? _____ acres
3. How many surface acres of water do you currently have in total fish production?

<u>Number Acres Owned</u>	<u>Number Acres Leased from Others</u>	<u>Total Acres In Production</u>
_____	_____	_____

4. Do you expect to increase your surface acres of water during the next two years? If yes, please estimate how many additional acres you plan to put in and whether they will be owned or leased:

Yes ___ No ___ Undecided _____ Number of additional acres _____
Number of acres owned _____ Number of acres leased _____

5. What are your sources of water supply?

Runoff ___ Well ___ Spring ___ Stream ___ Other _____

6. Do you have emergency aeration available on your farm? Yes ___ No _____

7. What is your average horsepower per acre? _____

Foodsize Catfish Production

1. How many total acres do you have in food fish production? _____
2. How many fish do you stock per acre? _____
3. What is your cost of production per pound in raising food-size fish? _____ cost of production per lb.

Fry/Fingerling Production

1. Do you produce fry/fingerlings? Yes _____ No _____
2. If yes, how many surface acres of water do you have exclusively in fingerling production and what do you expect to be the average production per surface acre (in number of fingerlings)?
Number of Acres _____ Average Production per Acre _____
3. How many surface acres of water are used for holding adult brood fish? _____ acres

Marketing

1. Please indicate how your food fish are marketed and what percent of your sales are sold through which type market.
Fish-Out Operation ____% Small Processor ____% Live Haulers ____% Retail of Live Fish ____%
Process Own Fish ____% Large Processor ____% Name of Plant _____
2. How big a problem is "off flavor" to your marketing plans? (Explain) _____

3. How much time per week do you spend on marketing (Including carrying "off flavor" samples to the plant)?

4. Do you have an alternative marketing strategy to fall back on? _____
5. Have you been successful in selling your total crop of fish each year? Yes ___ No ___ If not, explain why.

6. What is the average price per pound you received for your food fish last year?

Other Considerations

1. What commodity-related organizations do you belong to? _____

2. Other than channel catfish, what other species of fish or crustaceans do you raise?

Bluegill	_____	Largemouth Bass	_____	Redear Sunfish	_____
Tilapia	_____	Fathead Minnows	_____	Silver Carp	_____
Koi Carp	_____	Golden Shiner	_____	Grass Carp	_____
Crawfish/Red Swamp	_____	Saltwater Shrimp	_____	Bighead Carp	_____
Freshwater Shrimp	_____	Australian Crayfish	_____	Goldfish	_____
Striped Bass/Hybrid	_____	Paddlefish	_____	Tropical Fish	_____
Hybrid Sunfish	_____	Giant Malaysian Prawn	_____		
3. In your own personal opinion what do you consider significant obstacles to the growth of aquaculture in Alabama? _____

4. Is aquaculture your primary source of income? Yes _____ No _____
If no, list other commodities raised. _____
