Bass Management
(Ponds 1 Acre + With 15” + Visibility)

Stocking New or Renovated Bass Ponds (No Fish Present)*

1. 1000 1”-3” bluegill in Fall or
2. 750 1”-3” bluegill/250 1”-3” redear in Fall or
3. 60 adult (3”-6”) bluegill or 45 bluegill/15 redear in Fall or with bass fingerlings in Spring
4. 1000 fathead minnows in Fall
5. 100 channel catfish in Fall
6. 100 largemouth bass in Spring

* All stocking rates per surface acre

Bass Management Assessments Should Include:
User group
Habitat
Fish population
User Group Assessment

A user group assessment should include a very important question:

What do you want?

Expectations of the User Group Should Be Both “Reasonable” and “Achievable”

“I want lots of big crappie in my one acre pond.”

Unreasonable and unachievable!
"I want trophy bass."

Habitat Assessment

- Physical characteristics
- Watershed characteristics
- Water quality
- Aquatic vegetation

Water Quality

- pH
- Total alkalinity
- Nutrient loads
- Visibility
Aquatic Vegetation

- **Species**
- **Coverage**
- When does an aquatic plant become an aquatic weed?
Questions to Ask Yourself When Selecting a Herbicide

- Labeled to control targeted species?
- Water use restrictions?
- Availability?
- Cost?

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