



Basic Stocking Plans for Established Ponds

Bluegill/Largemouth Bass/Channel Catfish option

Traditional stocking plan that will produce a fine fishery for quality largemouth bass as well as a good fishery for bluegill, redear sunfish, and channel catfish. Channel catfish will need to be restocked periodically since reproduction is limited in ponds.

This stocking plan is for a typical pond with an established Bluegill/Largemouth Bass/Channel Catfish population. We recommend that you have a thorough fishery assessment conducted on your pond to determine whether supplemental stocking is required. See our links page for companies that can complete this type of assessment and develop a management plan for you.

Species Stocked	Size to Stock	When to Stock	Stocking Rate per Acre	
			Plan to Feed	Don't Plan to Feed
Bluegill	3-5 inch	Spring or Fall	250	250
Channel Catfish	6-8 or 8-10 inch	Spring or Fall	300	150
Largemouth Bass	5-8 inch	Spring or Fall	100	50

Hybrid Sunfish/Largemouth Bass/ Channel Catfish Option

This option will produce a high quality panfish fishery with a fair quality fishery for largemouth bass. It is an ideal option for a fishing pond for children or for ponds smaller than two acres. Largemouth bass in this option are primarily used to control the reproduction of the hybrid sunfish. Channel catfish and hybrid sunfish will need to be restocked periodically since reproduction is limited. Redear sunfish or hybrid redear sunfish should be stocked to control snails. Note: there is no advantage to stocking hybrid sunfish in ponds with bluegill; you should chose one or the other based on what type of fishery you desire.

Hybrid Sunfish / Largemouth Bass / Channel Catfish stocking option for established ponds

This stocking plan is for a typical pond with an established Hybrid Sunfish/Largemouth Bass/Channel Catfish population. We recommend that you have a thorough fishery assessment conducted on your pond to determine whether supplemental stocking is required. See our links page for companies that can complete this type of assessment and develop a management plan for you.

Species Stocked	Size to Stock	When to Stock	Stocking Rate per Acre	
			Plan to Feed	Don't Plan to Feed
Hybrid Sunfish	3-5 or 5-7 inch	Spring or Fall	500	500
Channel Catfish	6-8 or 8-10 inch	Spring or Fall	300	150
Largemouth Bass	5-8 inch	Spring or Fall	100	50