## **Pond Management**

## Better Fishing for Texas Ponds





## **Providing resources for Texas ponds**

Texas has over 1 million ponds. The majority of those are in East Texas. Most of these ponds were originally constructed for livestock watering, irrigation, and/or flood control, but now have become sites for recreation, aesthetically enhancing property, food production, or a combination thereof.

The fish can tell the story of the pond as a whole. When the quality of fishing in a pond is excellent, that is a reflection of excellent water quality, food resources, habitat, genetics, and harvest. When the quality of fishing is not excellent, or not meeting the goals of the landowner, it's time to take a closer look to see where management practices can be utilized to meet the goals, wants, and needs of the landowner. Because after all, it's YOUR pond!

Through collaboration with academic, public, and private industry professionals, we provide some of the best Pond Management resources in the state of Texas.



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