



Rydawi News

The warm weather has aided the high growth rates of the tilapia being produced at the farm in Muldersdrift. Harvests have been good too, over the last month. There have been a large number of visitors to the farm and it is encouraging to see interest from potential South African farmers. The Rydawi team are currently working on the manufacture of 30 tanks for a farm just outside Johannesburg.

A new client from Ghana has purchased 10 tanks, and he is housing these at Rydawi in Tunnel A. The Rydawi team will be managing these tanks for the organisation with the intention of developing skills, measuring production, growth rates, monitoring feed rates and water quality. This pilot will be used to later develop a project(s) in Ghana

David travelled to Zimbabwe to visit a potential new client in Mutare. He visited our agents, Ritecon and GreenCon in Harare. Their tank system is doing very well in Greendale, and the fish are almost ready to harvest. There has been an upsurge in interest in fish farming in the Recirculation Aquaculture systems in Zimbabwe recently and this is very encouraging. The team at Greencon welcome all interested Zimbabwean farmers to come and view the tank systems

David also visited Ndola (where he was born!) and Chingola in Zambia in early March. 16 tanks have been installed on this farm site. This is a one greenhouse tunnel and 16 fish farm tank systems grow out facility, and is a pilot plant and skills and training facility. The fish will be sold via the clients own fish supply chain where they are currently selling 5000 kgs of fish per day to the DRC market. The site is being operated by a farmer David met in 2008. They have stayed in touch and when the opportunity presented itself introductions were made and the client was happy to appoint a knowledgeable, passionate, hardworking Fish Farmer to their operation. Fingerlings have been sought locally and purchased from a small farm 20 km outside of Ndola. The initial stock was 5000 1-5g fry, which were supplied at reasonable prices and in good quality and health. The fish were efficiently caught, bagged and oxygenated. This was done by another experienced farmer who has been associated with Tilapia farming in Zambia with a number of

other farms for the past 8 years. It is always comforting to see practical skills and knowledge at work. As fish are stocked, fed and grown out we will update progress.



Two more potential fish farmers from Namibia underwent training in late February. Here they are with their participation certificates with David outside the office at the farm.



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Food for thought

“We need more democracy in the food system” Danielle Nierenberg speaks at the 2017 Breakthrough Dialogue.

Watch the video here:

<https://foodtank.com/news/2018/03/2017-breakthrough-dialogue-danielle-nierenberg/>

Contact Us

Please contact us if you need any assistance with your fish farming projects, purchase of FarmlnABox systems or fingerlings, or if you would like to visit the farm in Muldersdrift, Johannesburg. Please contact us if you require training. Our next training session will be **from the 7 – 11 May** and cost R5000 per person and this includes practical wet-hands experience, theory and a light lunch and refreshments every day.

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